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Soviet buildup overrated, U.S. says

WASHINGTON, March 4 (R) — U.S. intelligence now estimates that the Soviet arms buildup was not as great as previously thought but still remained substantial, senior government specialists on the Soviet Union said Thursday.

They said that Soviet expenditure on arms increased by three percent a year in the early 1970s, excluding inflation, but the rate of increase dropped to about two percent in the five years from 1976 to 1981.

The Pentagon, in an updated version of its 1981 booklet "Soviet military power" to be released on March 9, said the decline was cyclical. Spending decreased in the period between the end of production of some weapons and the start of production of others, it said.

From estimates of increased Soviet expenditure on research and development, it predicted that total military spending was soon likely to resume its historical growth.

The specialists told a press briefing that another reason for the drop was a decline in aircraft production and difficulties in the development of some new weapons.

They said they did not think the drop in the growth rate was due to a policy decision. "Soviet Military Power" was issued in 1981 to illustrate what President Reagan saw as the great disparity between U.S. and Soviet military strength and to support his call for U.S. arms expenditure of \$1.600 billion over five years.

Israel hints at compromise

TEL AVIV, March 4 (AP) — A senior Israeli official said Friday Israel was ready to listen to alternative proposals in the slow-moving troop-withdrawal talks with Lebanon.

The hint of willingness to compromise was voiced after U.S. presidential envoy Philip Habib met with Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir to sum up the situation in the U.S.-mediated negotiations which started last December.

Habib departed for Washington later Friday to report to Secretary of State George Shultz and to keep a previously scheduled appointment. Habib is expected to return to the Middle East in about 10 days, said the Israeli official, who refused to be identified.

The official told reporters that Israel wanted its forces to man anti-commando stations in southern Lebanon after a troop withdrawal to ensure that Palestinian commandos do not return to the border area.

OPEC moves closer to agreement

Emergency talk set Monday

LONDON, March 4 (AP) — Eight OPEC oil ministers moved closer to agreement Friday on cutting prices and production levels and invited five absent colleagues to London on Monday to try and clinch a deal to avert an all-out price war.

After a two-day mini-summit, several ministers expressed optimism that a settlement could be reached but said there was still no agreement on the exact size of price or production cuts.

Among the five OPEC members not at the mini-summit was Iran, which has vowed to fight any cut in the current OPEC benchmark price of \$34 a barrel and is reportedly demanding an increase in its production quota.

Venezuelan Oil Minister Humberto Calderon Berti said all 13 OPEC members must be party to any agreement.

United Arab Emirates Oil Minister Mana Said Oteiba, the first to emerge from Friday's

adjourned session, was the most optimistic. He told reporters: "On the two issues (pricing and production), we reached an understanding and there are encouraging signs that there will be an agreement."

But Algerian Oil Minister Belkacem Nabi said a three or four-man committee of experts would be meeting over the weekend on production quotas and it was premature to speak of any agreements.

"I am neither optimistic nor pessimistic," he said. "There is a realization that this is a very important meeting, one that is unique in the history of OPEC."

The 13-nation Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries is facing the potential collapse of its power to dictate world oil prices because of sagging demand and the competition between OPEC and non-OPEC producers — such as Britain.

The current oil glut has cut prices on the unregulated spot market to near \$27.50 a

barrel, making the \$34 benchmark price virtually meaningless.

But many producers, especially Third World nations such as Nigeria and Mexico, are reluctant to cut production because they badly need oil revenue to pay their debts. They have been selling crude at discount prices.

When Oteiba entered Friday's talks, he said there was only a "50-50 chance that success will be attained here." But he emerged after three hours saying: "I am optimistic now, more than in the morning, because I think there is a better chance."

Kuwaiti Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Khalifa agreed, saying: "I am very optimistic about reaching an agreement very soon."

Venezuela's Calderon said: "We are getting closer ... we are moving forward." The three ministers refused to give any details on the reasons for their new optimism.

Calderon, who has played a major role in trying to bring the feuding factions of OPEC together, said Monday's meeting will be informal. He said he didn't think any of the five OPEC countries who skipped the mini-summit — Iran, Iraq, Ecuador, Qatar and Gabon — "will object to coming Monday."



Mana Said Oteiba Calderon Berti
the issues of pricing and production if it joins the London talks.

Nigeria is a key element in the London talks because of its decision last month to break ranks with OPEC and cut the price of its high quality light crude by \$5.50 a barrel.

Nigerian prices now slightly undercut those of a major light crude-producing rival, Britain, which this week rejected suggestions it might trim its production in order to help OPEC out of its present crisis. Any OPEC proposal to trim the benchmark price to around \$30 widely mooted during the past week, would require Nigeria to raise its price by \$1.50 to take into account the superior quality of its crude.

Meanwhile, gold plunged to a 3½-month low in hectic trading Friday as dealers worried about the prospect of an oil price war. The U.S. dollar lost ground against other currencies.

Gold bullion, which had been gaining all week after a disastrous drop Monday, opened down sharply in London and fell through Monday's close of \$415.25 a troy ounce to finish at \$412.75.

Over missile stand

Vogel put on the defensive

BONN, March 4 (Agencies) — West Germany's political leaders have ended their campaigns for Sunday's national elections with an often heated television debate on issues ranging from jobs to missiles.

The atmosphere became charged Thursday night when right-wing Bavarian leader Franz Josef Strauss accused members of Hans-Jochen Vogel's opposition Social Democrats (SPD) of making "spiteful statements against the Americans."

The row erupted when Vogel and the leaders of the governing coalition — Chancellor Helmut Kohl, Strauss and Free Democratic (FDP) Chairman Hans-Dietrich Genscher — were asked to state their positions on the NATO plan to station Pershing-2 and Cruise missiles in Europe from next autumn.

Vogel said that if he became chancellor he would strive for a way to avoid the need to site the weapons in West Germany. NATO plans to deploy the weapons if the Soviet Union does not agree in talks with the United States in Geneva to scrap its SS-20 medium-range nuclear missile force.

Vogel proposed various formulas to achieve this, including stationing the missiles in submarines or extending the Geneva talks if sufficient progress had been reached at NATO's deadline.

He cited Soviet leader Yuri Andropov's offer in January to cut its SS-20 missile strength in return for NATO's non-deployment as a sign of Moscow's movement on the issue and said it was up to Washington to counter with its own proposal.

At a press conference Vogel denied Friday he was "Moscow's candidate." He said "I am not on the payroll there (in Moscow) and I am a very independent politician."

Vogel said he believes the Soviets have already shown flexibility in an offer Soviet Communist Party leader Yuri Andropov made late last year to cut the Soviet medium-range nuclear missile arsenal to 163 if NATO foregoes plans to deploy the missiles this year.

Kohl hinted that the United States would shortly submit counterproposals in the



CONFRONTATION: West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl (left) looks at Hans-Jochen Vogel, his Social Democratic challenger, during the television news conference Thursday.

Geneva talks with the Soviet Union on reducing medium-range nuclear missiles.

At a news conference Kohl said: "I assume, though I cannot name a date, that the Americans will in the foreseeable near future take further steps to advance the negotiation timetable."

Kohl added that the time for negotiation was becoming critical but that he could not say any more.

Brain behind Assam killings held

NEW DELHI, March 4 (AP) — Assam state officials say they have captured the commander of a "People's Army" leading the violent campaign against Muslim settlers in which more than 3,500 persons have died in the past month.

A political leader of predominantly Hindu Assamese tribesmen was reported jailed, and thousands of army troops marched through the most violence-prone areas of Assam in a show of force, acting under a special-powers statute akin to martial law.

Scattered rioting and arson were reported Thursday in the troubled northeastern state, but no fatalities.

The state government announced the capture of Aban Bezbarwa, commander-in-chief of the "People's Liberation Army of Assam," at a school in the city of Tezpur. It was the first time the government has acknowledged the existence of an insurgent organization in Assam.

Samar Choudhury, a leader of Assamese tribespeople, was jailed after he called for a 12-hour general strike in Kokrajhar Amkin Thursday to protest a government decision to resettle homeless immigrants on tribal lands, the United News of India reported.

Opposition members in the national parliament protested the government decision Wednesday to invoke the 25-year-old Special Powers Act, saying the government has brought Assam under military rule.

The act gives soldiers the right to shoot rioters on sight, arrest anyone and search any house. Soldiers were also instructed to destroy arms dumps and hideouts.

Ghana sees alien hand in coup bid

LONDON, March 4 (AP) — An attempt to overthrow Ghana's military government last weekend was aided by foreign forces, Accra radio reported Thursday. It did not specify the forces but hinted the United States may have played a part.

A commentary broadcast by the state radio, monitored in London, said the attempted coup was the work of "both internal and external enemies" of Ghana.

It said these were the same "social forces whose domination over (Ghana's) resources and people over the years has led to the social crisis the country finds itself in today."

America to streamline air defenses

WASHINGTON, March 4 (AP) — The U.S. Defense Department hopes to spend \$7.8 billion repairing porous air defenses against what it regards as a looming threat from a new generation of long-range Soviet bombers.

The goal is to overhaul U.S. air defenses for the first time since they were stripped in the 1960s and early 1970s to a thin shield of older jet interceptor planes and obsolescent ground-based radar, leaving major gaps.

The plan, some of which is being put into effect, involves buying 144 new F-15 jet fighters specifically for air defense, replacing 25-year-old ground-based radar stations in

the far north and adding new stations, installing advanced radar which can peer over the horizon on the eastern, western and southern approaches to North America, and buying 12 Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS) planes for air defense controls.

The air defense system was virtually dismantled chiefly because civilian leaders in the 1960s and 1970s doubted that the Soviets would mount a major bomber threat to the United States.

The administration of former President Jimmy Carter took some limited steps toward strengthening U.S. continental air defenses.

Implantable heart in offing

AKRON, Ohio, March 4 (AP) — The world's largest tiremaker joined medical and academic institutions Thursday in an effort to build a totally implantable artificial heart by 1990.

Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co., the Cleveland Clinic Foundation and the University of Akron have begun a venture described by University President D.J. Guzzetta as "of no less importance than that of life and death."

In a news conference, representatives of the three institutions said the joint effort would be centered at the university's Institute for Biomedical Engineering Research.

An artificial heart being developed at the Cleveland Clinic would be a significant advancement of the process successfully used in Salt Lake City on Barney Clark, according to Dr. Ray Kiraly, research director at the clinic's department of artificial organs.

"That heart is quite a simple device," Kiraly said. "It takes a lot of outside equipment that powers it pneumatically."

"The device we're working on will have some sort of motor inside and will function totally within the body."

Dr. Yukihiko Nose, director of the clinic's department of artificial organs, said the pro-

Pakistan said making N-device

NEW DELHI, March 4 (AFP) — Defense Minister R. Venkataraman told parliament Friday that information available suggests Pakistan is continuing its efforts to acquire uranium and nuclear fuel reprocessing capability which would enable it to detonate a nuclear device.

In a written answer in the lower house, the minister said Pakistan has reportedly received assistance in the nuclear field from some countries.

Stating that it would not be desirable to disclose details, Venkataraman said the government kept all developments concerning India's security under constant watch and initiated appropriate measures from time to time to maintain full defense readiness.

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U.S.-Saudi program aims to boost joint ventures

WASHINGTON, March 4 (AP) — A U.S.-Saudi Arabian program to promote joint ventures between U.S. Commerce and Treasury Departments and the Saudi Arabian Ministries of Industry and Electricity, and Commerce is underway.

In a special report on the program released Thursday, the U.S. Commerce Department said the Saudi Arabian government has become directly involved in the joint venture process in capital-intensive heavy industry, often with American partners. Through the Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation, a wholly government-owned firm, it holds 50 percent ownership in large-scale petrochemical projects valued at \$10 million.

These facilities, located at Jubail and Yanbu, will come into production during 1983-86, the report said. It said this government equity ownership came about for various reasons: the technology intensiveness of the projects, the necessity for foreign management involvement, and the export-oriented nature of the projects which require a worldwide marketing effort by the foreign partner.

The Commerce Department said the Saudi Arabian businesses being encouraged to seek joint ventures with American firms are those with limited experience or in a startup phase of producing goods or services for local markets.

On the U.S. side, the businesses most likely to be interested in the program will be well established manufacturing service firms with proven management and production methods able to take advantage of the Saudi market for locally-produced goods and services.

"The initiative for boosting private sector joint venture efforts in Saudi Arabia comes from both governments and both private sectors," the Commerce Department said.

Video game shops closed temporarily

RIYADH, March 4 — All electronic game shops in Saudi Arabia have been temporarily closed by Interior Minister Prince Naif, Al-Jazirah reported Friday. The prince has given instructions that no more licenses should be given to those shops.

Meanwhile, a committee has been set up to prepare a complete study on the games before their fate is finally decided upon. The committee is made up of representatives of the ministries of interior, education, municipal and rural affairs, labor and social affairs, the Presidency of the Committees of Encouragement of Virtue and Elimination of Vice, the Central Province education department and Imam Muhammad bin Saud Islamic University.

Makkah Governor Prince Majed had already closed all electronic game shops in his province for all the negative effects they have on the children, especially during the

Dar'nam, Alkhobar hold Arbor Week

DAMMAM, March 4 (SPA) — Eastern Province Governor Prince Abdul Mohsen bin Jiluwi gives the green light Saturday to the plant-a-tree week that will start at the intersection of King Abdul Aziz Street with Street 28 here.

More than 35,000 trees will be planted in streets, public squares, parks and schools in the area during the campaign. Taking part in the effort are the area's governorate and municipality, water and sewage department, education department, youth welfare organization, the National Guard, police, the municipal and rural affairs department, and the local branch of the Ministry of Agriculture and Water.

At the end of the campaign, Prince Abdul

tors," the Commerce Department said. "Saudi officials have repeatedly expressed concern that young or smaller Saudi businessmen have bright ideas for businesses in Saudi Arabia but do not know how to find necessary foreign, particularly American, technology to bring their ideas to life."

"Joint ventures are increasingly important to Saudi Arabia to ensure market penetration both for goods and services. 'Buy Saudi' and 'Specify Saudi' policies of the Saudi government offer preferences and guaranteed markets for locally-made goods. Government tender regulations and administrative rules of numerous Saudi agencies encourage foreign bidders to establish a local joint venture as a condition of being favorably placed to win government contracts."

U.S.-Saudi Arabian commercial relations have expanded rapidly since the first round of oil price increases in 1973-74 and accompanying heavy Saudi development expenditures, the Commerce Department said. By the end of 1982 there were some 500 American firms with offices in the Kingdom, about 2,000 American exporters represented there by Saudi agents and distributors.

There are also some 250 U.S. joint ventures in the Kingdom, representing 17 percent — the largest share — of all Saudi-foreign joint ventures.

Most are in services, with some two dozen in manufacturing or assembly. The largest U.S. investments are in the oil-petrochemical facilities located at Jubail and Yanbu. The others involve a wide variety of products such as detergents and soaps, concrete and asbestos pipe, electric gear, fiberglass, resin, soft drink cans, air conditioners, cable and wire, and services such as engineering equipment repair and maintenance.

academic year. The Interior Ministry also received cables from the governor of the Eastern Province and the Education Ministry complaining about the existence of such shops. The director of Al-Falah secondary and intermediate schools in Jeddah had told the education minister that the electronic game shops near the school were harming the students who could no longer assimilate their studies as they used to.

In another development, Prince Naif will open Sunday the first seminar on industrial safety organized by the general secretariat of the ministry's Higher Committee on Industrial Safety. The prince is the committee's chairman. Oil and industrial company executives will take part in the three-day seminar which will discuss the development of industrial safety and modern technology in that field. The delegates will also exchange their information and experiences.

Mohsen will hand over prizes to the best farmers in the area. He will also congratulate all those who contributed toward the success of the campaign.

Similarly, Alkhobar Governor Ibrahim Al-Thamyan will plant the first of 5,000 saplings to be planted in his area, especially in new districts. Alkhobar Municipality will organize a special ceremony on the occasion at an empty plot near the municipal building. The closing ceremony during which awards are distributed will be held at the city's public library.

The plant-a-tree week in Al-Dawadmi and Sarat Ubaida will also start Saturday. The governor of each area will inaugurate the campaign. Boy scouts will play a leading role in the afforestation week in Al-Dawadmi.

Fahd cables greetings to Hassan

RIYADH, March 4 (SPA) — King Fahd has cabled his greetings to King Hassan II of Morocco on his country's National Day and the anniversary of his accession to the throne. He wished the King health and happiness and the Moroccan people further progress and prosperity.

King Fahd told the Moroccan monarch that cordial and fraternal relations and cooperation between the two countries were growing stronger every day, in view of their common interests and to their mutual benefit.

In his turn, King Hassan II said in a speech marking the 22nd anniversary of his accession to the throne that his personal rapport with King Fahd and relations with Saudi Arabia were solid. He added that King Fahd's working visit to Morocco last year had pleased him and the Moroccan people and offered an opportunity for an exchange of views on issues of common interest.

During the visit, King Hassan said, consultations took place on fateful Arab and Islamic issues. The two kings also reviewed current world problems.

Prince Majed returns

JEDDAH, March 4 — Makkah Governor Prince Majed returned here from Geneva Thursday evening and will resume his activities in the middle of the week. Okaz reported Friday. The prince spent his annual vacation in Switzerland.

Prince Majed was met at the airport by Makkah Deputy Governor Prince Saud bin Mohsen, Jeddah Mayor Muhammad Said Faresi, Taif Mayor Salem Al-Salem, and other officials.

BRIEFS

Hospital working hours

JEDDAH — Working hours of all hospitals in the Western Province have been modified, Okaz reported Friday. The official shift will now start at 7:30 a.m. and end at 5:30 p.m. with an hour's break from 1:30 p.m. Dr. Nazih Hassan Nassif, the supervisor general of health affairs for the Western Province, said that visit hours had now been set from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The new time schedule will go into effect as of March 15.

GCC issues reviewed

MUSCAT (SPA) — Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Secretary-General Abdullah Bishara has reviewed, with Omani Deputy Prime Minister in charge of security and defense Fahar ibn Taimur Al-Said a number of issues relating to the GCC and cooperation among the council states. Following the meeting, Bishara said his visit to Oman was in the context of a tour of GCC member states to hold consultations on issues of importance to the council particularly after the implementation of the first phase of a unified economic agreement.

Postal services

RIYADH — Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayyal, the minister of posts, telegraph and telephones, has discussed the development of postal services in Saudi Arabia with Muhammad Ibrahim Sobhi, the visiting secretary-general of the Universal Postal Union. He also took up with him the introduction of electronic mail in the Kingdom.

Business jet to make demonstration tour

By K.S. Ramkumar
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, March 4 — Flying in Tuesday will be the new "Jetstream 31," one of the first aircraft possessing a "unique blend of economic efficiency of a turboprop aircraft and the spaciousness of a large business jet," manufactured by the Scottish division of the British Aerospace Aircraft Group, on a demonstration tour of the Kingdom. It has planned six flights during its tour until March 13.

The aircraft, "designed to meet the needs of regional airlines for a comfortable, fuel efficient, pressurized airliner offering the standards of space, amenity and reliability expected by today's passengers," will arrive here from its factory at Prestwick Airport, Ayrshire, Scotland, via Cairo. It will return to Prestwick around April after completing its demonstration tour through Dubai, Sharjah, Muscat, India (New Delhi), Malaysia, Indonesia and Australia.

Giving details of the schedule of the aircraft's major demonstration tour — its third, the first having been held through Europe in July 1982 and the second through the United States and Canada in October 1982, British Aerospace Sales Executive David Robinson said in an interview with Arab News that the objective of the tour is not to actually market the aircraft but to introduce it to the various countries. "You can't possibly sell an aircraft in just one tour," Robinson noted.

Robinson said the deliveries of the Jetstream to customers began in December 1982 and the first one was made to a contractor in Stuttgart, Germany.

He said the "Jetstream 31," is an 18-seat commuter aircraft and its role is unique in connecting cities or airfields or to major airports. It will be more useful to the Kingdom in commuting between the oilfields. "It's like bringing a sort of taxi service to the major airfields," Robinson said, adding that "It can also be used on charter operations to bigger companies requiring movement of their personnel."

The second version of this aircraft is the "Executive Shuttle" with 12 seats, which is bigger and more comfortable. The third one is a corporate version with eight to 10 seats, he said.

These aircraft versions also perform additional roles like operating as inexpensive coastal patrol aircraft for keeping vigil over illegal fishing, drug smuggling, pollution, etc. They cost less than the big expensive military



David Robinson

patrol aircraft and can also be used for medical evacuation, air force navigators' radar training, Robinson said.

In short, Robinson said, the "Jetstream 31" possesses the qualities of excellence needed for the maximum freedom of space. It has a wide, roomy cockpit, stand-up headroom in a wide spacious cabin, pressurization for high level comfort, an unmatched passenger appeal among turboprops in its class; space, comfort, speed and range capability to meet both airlines and corporate requirements; and it is designed, built and supported worldwide by a major manufacturer of airliners and corporate jets.

Robinson said: "We already have 39 aircraft in service in the Kingdom but they are not of the Jetstream type." The Mark I Jetstream, he said, was sold in 1970 to customers in the United States, the British Royal Air Force and the British Royal Navy.

Compared with the business jets, he said, the Jetstream's main advantages are lower cost and the much lower operating costs. A typical fully equipped 18-seat commuter version of the Jetstream at the moment will cost about \$2.25 million as against \$5 million for a business jet of the Jetstream's size.

Asked about the production rate of the Jetstream, Robinson said: "Our production rate will be 18 in 1983, 25 in 1984 and will

thereafter increase up to 36 a year." Western America and Europe are among the areas in which the company concentrated on for marketing the aircraft, he said.

The uniquely large cabin of the Jetstream 31 gives ample scope for a variety of customer applications in airline, corporate roles, offering standards of comfort "unmatched by any other aircraft of similar capacity be it the Dornier 228, the Metro / Merlin or the Bandeirante King Air / 99," Robinson claimed.

The aircraft, which offers new dimensions of passenger comfort and operational capability for commuter airlines, gives the operator an important competitive advantage over more cramped equipment. The wide cabin and large 17-inch by 15-inch windows create a light airy atmosphere and avoid the highly undesirable tube effect, Robinson said.

Intended primarily for the business charter market and for major companies requiring inter-site transport, the "executive shuttle" offers a wide choice of interior arrangements giving high standards and comfort and amenity.

With a cabin size slightly larger even than the well-known BAE 125 business jet, Jetstream 31 offers capabilities to meet the most discerning requirements and walk-around freedom to ease travel fatigue, he added.

The fuel efficiency and good operational performance of the aircraft result from the combination of the Garrett TPE331-10 engine with advanced technology four bladed Dowty-Rotol propellers, Robinson said. He added that its high speed combined with a cabin pressurization system that permits rapid climbs and descents without passenger discomfort, gives highly competitive sector times.

They also allow the aircraft to keep pace with large aircraft in the terminal area, minimizing holding times and expensive delays. With its maximum landing weight equal to takeoff weight, the Jetstream 31, Robinson said, has excellent non-refueling characteristics. These give easy scheduling of multi-stop operations in airline use or out-and-back services between facilities in corporate use.

Robinson said the structural integrity of the aircraft has been proven by the in-service operations of the earlier Jetstream versions which have achieved over 200,000 flying hours and 250,000 landings in a wide variety of applications, including airline, corporate and arduous military use.

Organized by King Faisal Specialist Hospital

Seminar on cancer chemotherapy concluded

By Javid Hassan
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, March 4 — The King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research Center (KFHS & RC) concluded a two-day seminar on "Advances in cancer chemotherapy" here Thursday. The symposium, inaugurated by Dr. Nizar Feteih, executive director of the hospital, was convened as part of his effort to improve the quality of medical care for cancer patients in the Kingdom. Dr. Rajih Sabbah, chairman of the oncology department, told Arab News.

He said the seminar was part of the hospital's program for postgraduate education designed to improve medical knowledge among physicians working in the Kingdom. The symposium discussed various types of cancer, such as leukemia (blood cancer), lymphoma (cancer of the lymph nodes) and

head and neck cancer, with reference to the ongoing research in the field. Some 12 papers were presented at the symposium which was attended, among others, by 35 cancer specialists, besides one each from the United States, Belgium, Switzerland and Italy. Among the papers read, one deals with 165 cases of leukemia among the Saudi adults, another with 100 case studies of lymphoma among children, while a third discusses 62 cases of leukemia among children.

Summing up the deliberations, Dr. Sabbah said the hospital has been receiving 1,400 cancer patients every year, involving all age groups from both sexes. These include patients with cancer of the head and neck, lymphoma, leukemia, cancer of the lung, breast and uterus. Children have been found to be prone to leukemia and lymphoma. But thanks to the advanced medical facilities at the research center, 80 percent of the children suffering from lymphoma had been successfully treated, Dr. Sabbah said. The hospi-

tal also achieved 50 percent success in the treatment of leukemia.

According to him, of the 57 cases of lung cancer handled by the department of oncology last year, 55 were found to be heavy smokers. Thus while the cause of lung cancer has been conclusively established, that of other types is under investigation. Dr. Sabbah noted that a growing number of cancer patients are being discovered because of improved medical facilities in the Kingdom. But many of them go to local hospitals for treatment. "So the actual figure could be even higher," he added.

He felt that the successful treatment of cancer patients was due to the advanced facilities available to the hospital. This is the only hospital in the Middle East, he said, that has a cyclotron to provide isotopes for various purposes, including the treatment of cancer.

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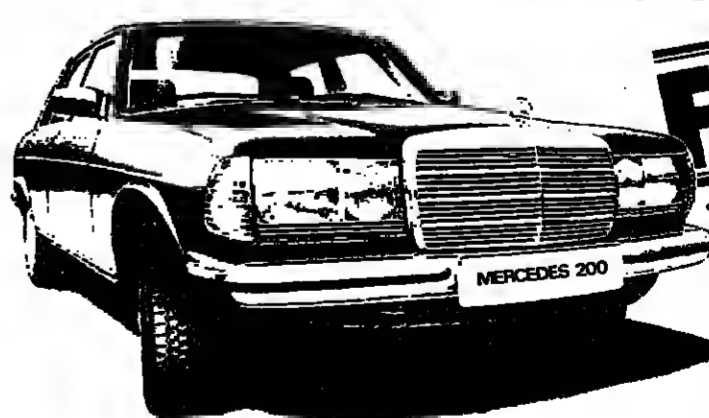
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Jeddah Holiday Inn opening set for late July

By K.S. Ramkumar
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, March 4 — The Holiday Inn, claimed to be the world's biggest chain of hotels, will open its 1,761st hotel at the Corniche, facing the Red Sea, here by the end of July.

Named as the Al Andalus Holiday Inn, the "new baby" of the Middle East Division and the Holiday Inn International will be the chain's second hotel in the Kingdom, the first being in Yanbu, which is one year old. It has plans for two more hotels — in Riyadh by early 1984 and in Jubail by the end of 1984.

The hotel's general manager, Hosam M. Erfan, revealing this to Arab News said that it will be a "unique five-star hotel" with a lot of

facilities. Thanks to their balconies, all the 486 rooms and five bedroom suites in the eight-floor structure designed by the Maurice Bagley Company and built by the Laing Wimpey Company, both London-based, overlook the Red Sea coast.

What distinguishes the hotel from the others in the city, Erfan said, is that it will have three specialty restaurants, besides a 24-hour coffee shop, and "the biggest" ball room for functions and weddings accommodating at least 1,000 persons.

Another distinguishing feature is that room reservations for any of the other 1,760 hotels can be done at this hotel and confirmation sought within a couple of minutes, he said.

Asked why the construction of the hotel,

which occupies a 20,000-square-meter area, has taken four years, Erfan said: "We know we are arriving here late but the advantages we have now are many — the market is shifting toward our area, it is a five-minute drive from the main shopping center in downtown, and 15 minutes from the King Abdul Aziz International Airport. It enjoys the best site

of the Corniche and the residential areas. "What's more, we have a big name and our services are second to none," Erfan said.

The restaurants will cater to all ethnic groups with chefs offering original recipes.

The Middle Eastern Restaurant will be designed on the Moroccan pattern with tents and ground seats and will offer the delicacies from Morocco, Tunisia, Lebanon and other Arab countries.

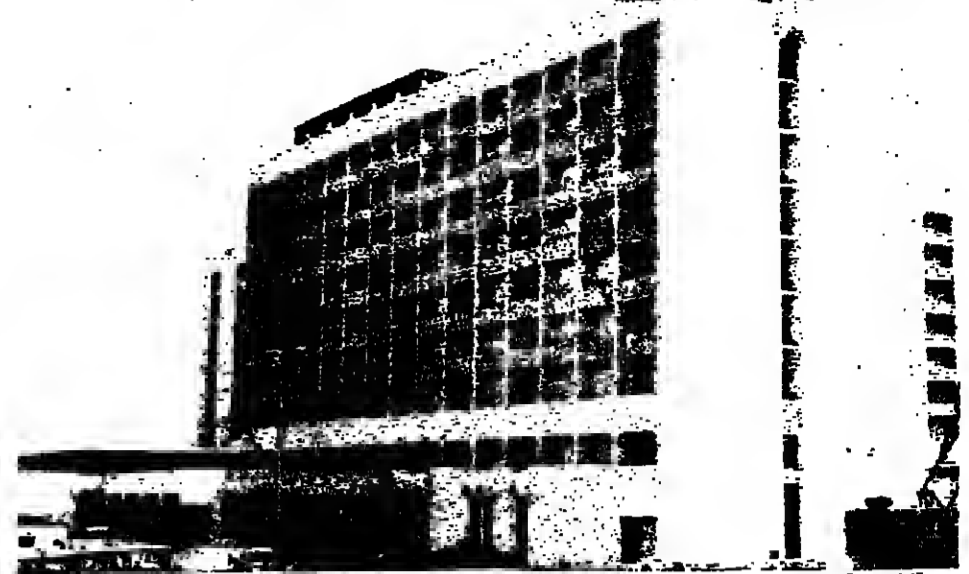
The Japanese Restaurant on the mezzanine floor will feature exotic dishes "from the 'land of the rising sun' prepared on the spot in front of you."

The Oriental Restaurant will offer a selection of the most typical and famous dishes from countries in the East and the Far East like India, Pakistan, Indonesia and Malaysia.

The Coffee Shop will serve continental specialties and snacks around the clock together with a full buffet display.

The other facilities include sports like squash, gymnasium, sauna bath and massage, an outdoor olympic-size swimming pool with a sun terrace, a private beach, shopping area, and free shuttles to the airport, the private beach in season and shopping centers.

The conference and banquet room, which will also have a bride's room with a pink carpet and gold mirrors, he said, can also be divided into three sections with a capacity of



HOLIDAY INN: The Holiday Inn's 1,761st hotel which is getting finishing touches at the Corniche, facing the Red Sea, in Jeddah, for its opening in July.

300 each. It has been built with an eye on the clientele wanting to organize weddings, exhibitions, conferences, conventions and congresses.

He said his hotel, which flanks the Hotel Ramada and the Intercontinental on either side, has adopted the five palm trees, together planted in the Corniche beach area, as its logo.

The hotel will have a staff strength of 350, all of whom will be accommodated in residential quarters behind the hotel.

Erfan, 41, an Egyptian who has spent 13 years in the United States and three years in

the Kingdom and who is now an American citizen, quoting Kemmons Wilsoo, owner and builder of Holiday Inn Inc., said "The Holiday Inn story is larger than buildings and happy vacations. It is the story of the people who had faith in an idea and who were willing together for its development."

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Hassan sees relations with Algeria improving

RABAT, March 4 (Agencies) — King Hassan II of Morocco expressed the hope that his recent meeting with Algerian President Chadli Benjedid would have favorable repercussions on relations between their two peoples and the rest of North Africa.

In a speech Thursday marking the 22nd anniversary of his coronation, the king also noted the main achievements of his government over the past year in African, Arab and Islamic affairs.

On the problem of the Western Sahara, where Morocco is fighting Polisario activists backed by Algeria, the king attacked once

Mubarak, Arafat meeting ruled out

CAIRO, Egypt, March 4 (AP) — President Hosni Mubarak has no desire to meet Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat because of a hostile stand the PLO has taken against Egypt, a leading editor said.

In an article appearing in the newspaper *Al-Ahram* Friday, editor Ahmad Nafekh blasted the PLO for calling on Egypt to renounce the Camp David agreements which spawned the 1979 peace treaty with Israel.

The article, believed to reflect Mubarak's thinking, accused the PLO of interfering in Egyptian affairs and inciting the Egyptian people and army against the government.

Nafekh is known to be one of the closest editors to the president. "Let me whisper in Yasser Arafat's ear: Mubarak has no wish to meet anyone." This was a direct snub to Arafat who repeatedly said in recent weeks he hoped to come to Cairo and see Mubarak.

West Bank riots worry De Cuellar

UNITED NATIONS, March 4 (R) — U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar expressed concern over the situation on the Israeli-occupied West Bank of the River Jordan and urged respect for United Nations resolutions.

In a statement on recent clashes involving Palestinians and Israeli troops and settlers, he said he particularly deplored the violence and "the restraints on the Palestinian inhabitants which have resulted."

Recalling numerous U.N. resolutions on the West Bank problem he said that "at this critical time" the resolutions should be respected.

Perez de Cuellar is now in New Delhi for the conference of the nonaligned movement and his statement was issued through a U.N. spokesman in New York.

Meanwhile, Jewish settlers in the occupied West Bank are planning more attacks against

again the decision to admit the Polisario's Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic (SADR) to the Organization of African Unity.

He reiterated his country's support for the decision of the OAU's Nairobi summit in 1981 calling for a ceasefire and a referendum among Western Sahara inhabitants. The OAU could not survive a violation of its own legal foundation, the king warned.

On the nonaligned movement, of which Morocco was a founder member, the king said his son, Crown Prince Sidi Muhammad, would represent him at the New Delhi summit next week.

On forthcoming elections in Morocco, the date of which has yet to be announced, King Hassan said he hoped the Moroccan people would show their political and moral maturity.

Algeria and Morocco have agreed in principle to re-establish diplomatic relations after seven years of dispute over the Western Sahara, reliable Arab sources said Thursday.

The sources said this was the main result of last Saturday's surprise border talks between Benjedid and Hassan.

Relations were severed by Morocco in March 1976 after the Algerians government recognized the republic proclaimed by Polisario in the Western Sahara claimed by Morocco.

The sources said it was agreed at last Saturday's summit, the first between the two countries in nearly 10 years, to resume diplomatic relations. No date has yet been fixed.

The two countries also agreed to resume bilateral trade and to restore air and rail links, the sources said.

their Arab neighbors, the Israeli media reported. The spokesman for West Bank settlers was out of his office and unavailable for comment.

Settlers in the Hebron area south of occupied Jerusalem have stated on Israel television that they will take the law into their own hands if Palestinians continued their protests against Israeli atrocities.

Twice this week settlers have broken into a school at Yatta, south of Hebron, fired shots in the air and kidnapped schoolchildren.

Military sources said that in the latest incident, on Thursday, settlers grabbed two students and turned them over to Israeli security forces. They said the detainees were questioned and told to return Friday for further interrogation.

The sources said the army also was investigating the settlers' behavior.

Mujahedeen, Soviets change combat tactics

NEW DELHI, March 4 (AP) — Both sides in the lingering conflict in Afghanistan have changed their basic tactics in the past few months, says a well-informed Afghan traveler who recently arrived from the rugged South Asian country.

Soviet troops have stopped chasing the elusive anti-government fighters across the countryside and have begun flattening villages to deny them sanctuary and razing fields to deny them food.

The Mujahedeen have stopped confronting Soviet and regime forces at every favorable opportunity and now concentrate more on Kabul, the capital, to harass the Soviets and bring home the war to the city's residents.

"The Soviets are using their air force more than their troops now. They are destroying villages and fields and grain stores," said the traveler, who asked not to be identified because he has family in Afghanistan.

The result of the Soviet drive has been to triple and quadruple the prices of many food items in Kabul, once a sleepy capital of about 600,000 residents, now bloated with about 1 million refugees from the countryside.

Flour could be bought at four kilograms for 45 Afghani before the Soviet intervention in December 1979. The same package now costs 250 Afghani — "if it is available at all." The price of mutton, the principal meat, has risen from 50 to 185 Afghani per kilogram.

"We are a rice eating people," he said. "Rice is up 200 percent from 150 to 450 Afghani. And good quality rice from Baghlan is not

available. It now goes to the regime." One Afghani, the basic unit of currency, is worth about two U.S. cents.

At the same time, the price of Soviet-supplied goods has remained stable, apparently an effort to enhance Moscow's image as a trustworthy provider. For example oil, piped into the landlocked Asian nation from the Soviet Union, remains at about the basic \$34 a barrel world price. "They are making out that it is the Soviets who are helping us by providing supplies," he said.

Meanwhile, the anti-Marxist fighters have been cooperating more and fighting each other less, though a basic rift still exists between the groups based in Peshawar, Pakistan, and those that have remained in Pakistan. But both groups now attack Kabul. "There has been a change you can see. The Mujahedeen are concentrating their attacks more on Kabul," the Afghan visitor said.

The fighters carried out several bomb attacks during January and February on Kabul restaurants frequented by members of the ruling Communist Party, he noted. The bombs were timed to explode when the cafes were closed, causing some damage but few casualties.

A major effort this winter was to deny Kabul electricity. The traveler confirmed earlier diplomatic reports that the fighters had blown up pylons and downed transmission lines as well as sabotaged the hydroelectric power station outside the capital.

Militarily, the major clashes between the two sides have been north of Kabul in the Panjshir Valley, and in the northern border city of Mazare-Sharif.

Numeiri re-elected chairman of SSU

KHARTOUM, March 4 (R) — Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri was Thursday sworn in as chairman of his country's sole legal political party, the Sudanese Socialist Union. Numeiri, who was the only candidate for the post, was re-elected unanimously.

As chairman of the party — currently holding its fourth national congress — Numeiri is assured of re-election as president in a plebiscite next April.

Numeiri came to power after a bloodless military coup he led in 1969.

Lingering fears about a Libyan-inspired coup is the main problem Numeiri faces as he prepares for a third six-year term.

Last month the United States rushed surveillance planes to scan the Sudanese-Libyan border amid reports of a Libyan plot to overthrow President Numeiri's government.

Sudan, the largest country in Africa, currently spends nearly three times more than it earns and has foreign debts of \$7.8 billion.

Even if the target of oil self-sufficiency by 1985 is reached, the country will need foreign aid for many more years. Otherwise, the government may have to cut spending to a politically dangerous level.

A major hope held out to Sudan lately is the revival of plans for Egypt-Sudan integration, under which Egypt would use Sudanese farmland in return for diplomatic and military support.

At a meeting in Khartoum last month, President Numeiri and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak announced agreements on abolishing customs barriers and setting up a series of committees to explore ways of integrating their national affairs.

Foreign diplomats point to difficulties in the path of integration.

6 Lebanese soldiers killed in ambush

BEIRUT, March 4 (AFP) — Three Lebanese soldiers were killed and 12, including a colonel, wounded Friday in an ambush by pro-Iranian Shiite militia at Brital in the Bekaa Valley, Lebanese national radio reported.

A three-hour shootout followed the ambush, in the Bekaa Valley, the source added. Syrian troops, who control the valley, finally intervened and stopped the shooting.

Lebanese Phalangist radio reported that the colonel, who was seriously hurt, had refused to head an order from the militia not to enter a firing range at Brital in the Bekaa.

The militia then fired on the Lebanese patrol. Some 500 Iranian Revolutionary Guards are estimated to operate in the Bekaa, with the declared aim of "liberating Lebanon from Zionist occupation."

On Nov. 22, 300 Iranian volunteers and pro-Iranian Lebanese militia attacked a regu-

lar Lebanese barracks in Baalbeck, provoking a diplomatic incident.

Meanwhile in the Israeli-occupied Shouf hills, east of here, a ceasefire reached on Feb. 7 between Druze militia of Walid Jumblatt's Progressive Socialist Party and the Christian militia appeared in danger of collapsing.

Tension rose with reports that Jumblatt had been assassinated. The Socialist leader was in fact in the Jordanian capital Amman.

The Lebanese press reported Friday that the assassination rumor was spread by Israelis manning road blocks at Damour, south of Beirut, and near the South Lebanese port of Sidon.

Inhabitants of Sidon called a protest strike while Druze and Christian militia reappeared on the streets fully armed in the Aley region and the Shouf. Lebanese national radio repeatedly denied the murder rumor in a bid to cool the situation.

BRIEFS

ANKARA (R) — Soviet First Deputy Foreign Minister Georgy Kornienko arrived here Thursday on a surprise visit to brief Turkish officials on Moscow's evaluation of U.S.-Soviet medium-range missile talks.

Foreign Ministry officials said.

NEW DELHI (R) — Egypt and Cyprus have agreed to resume diplomatic relations shortly, possibly later this month, officials of both countries said Friday.

CAIRO (AP) — Security authorities Thursday ordered the release of 67 Muslim activists who had been held on suspicion of involvement in anti-state activity, the Middle East News Agency said.

DAR ES SALAAM (AFP) — A special envoy of Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat Tuesday held

private talks with Tanzanian President Julius Nyerere on the efforts to improve PLO-Egyptian relations, it was announced here.

CAIRO (R) — Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter and his wife Thursday called on President Anwar Sadat's widow Jihan at the late leader's home in Giza, near Cairo.

TEL AVIV (AP) — Lt. Gen. Raphael Eytan, the chief of staff, Thursday said that Israel was not preparing to attack Soviet SAM-5 missile batteries recently deployed in Syria.

WASHINGTON (AFP) — A senior U.S. official pleaded Thursday with the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives to authorize massive military and economic aid to Egypt, invoking a "Soviet-Libyan threat" to that country.

Beirut rejects free trade with Israel

BEIRUT, March 4 (AP) — Foreign Minister Elie Salem said Friday Lebanon will under no circumstances accept open border and free trade with Israel, explaining that such a step would destroy Lebanese economy and provoke a pan-Arab economic blockade.

He told a news conference here: "Ninety-five percent of our exports go to the Arab world. We cannot sacrifice that for a two percent import or export with Israel. We are not going to close 22 borders and open one."

This was a reference to a possible boycott by the 22 Arab states, who are members of the Arab League, in case of normalization of relations with Israel.

The Lebanese foreign minister said he was happy with Washington's efforts to end the Lebanese crisis first then move toward a settlement for the 35-year-old Arab-Israeli conflict. "As we said, the Palestinian cause is the heart of the Middle East crisis, but Lebanon is the key to any settlements," he said.

Iran accused of sending kids to battlefield

PARIS, March 4 (AP) — Iran has forced thousands of impoverished children armed with little more than the shirts on their backs into battle against Iraqi soldiers, an Iranian activist who visited teen-aged prisoners of war in Iraq said Thursday.

The charge was made during a news conference by the activist who identifies herself only as "Mrs. Irandokhter" citing security reason. In Farsi, Irandokhter means "daughter of Iran."

Mrs. Irandokhter said human rights groups with which she works, first learned last year that Iranian children as young as 13 years old were being deployed in the border war that began on Sept. 22, 1980. She said Iraqi officials allowed her to visit 200 captured child soldiers in January at a POW camp outside Baghdad.

"I saw to my astonishment many children who had come to fight with absolutely no physical or mental preparation," Mrs. Irandokhter said at her first news conference since visiting the camp. "They wore a shirt bearing on the back the words, 'I have the special permission of the Imam to enter heaven.'"

Mrs. Irandokhter said the captive children told her there were 5,619 Iranian soldiers between the ages of 13 and 18 who were being held in Iraq. The children did not reveal any source for that number and Iraqi officials declined to say how many teen-agers were being held, she said.

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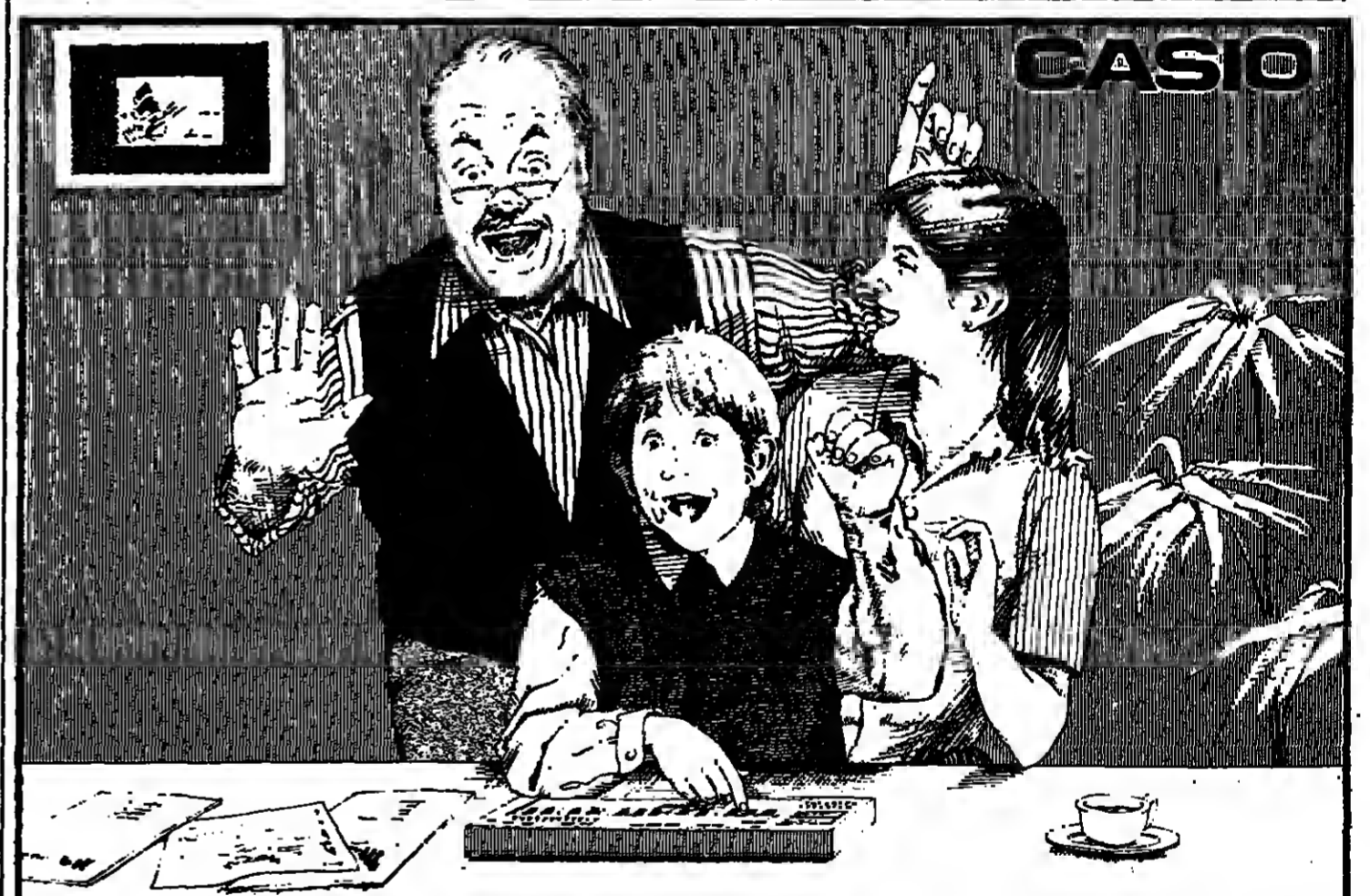
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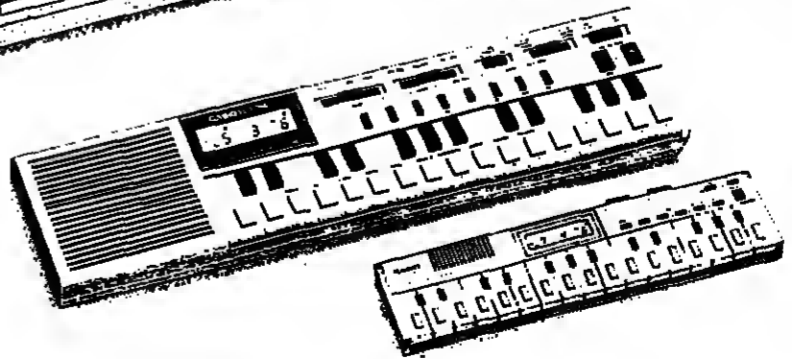
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More U.S. advisers going to Salvador

WASHINGTON, March 4 (AP) — The United States is sending more military advisers to El Salvador and is "going to do everything that we are able to do" to prevail in the guerrilla war there, the U.S. State Department said Thursday.

State Department spokesman John Hughes said the government will increase the number of advisers to its self-imposed ceiling of 55 from the average of 37 in the past year and the 45 there now, and he left open the possibility of sending more later.

Once the maximum is reached, he said, "that would be the time to look at the possibility of going beyond that."

Pull them out, Mexico says

TOKYO, March 4 (AP) — Mexican Foreign Minister Bernardo Sepulveda Amor said Friday that military solutions to Central American conflicts are "not feasible" and urged that U.S. military advisers be withdrawn from El Salvador.

Sepulveda was addressing a luncheon at the Foreign Correspondents Club of Japan. Sepulveda arrived in Japan Wednesday for a two-day stopover en route to the nonaligned conference in New Delhi. He met Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone and Foreign Minister Shintaro Abe.

Asked about reports from Washington that more U.S. military advisers may be sent to El Salvador, Sepulveda said it was "extremely dangerous to have any military involvement in El Salvador or in Central America."

Moscow offers N-plant to India

NEW DELHI, March 4 (R) — A Soviet offer to build a nuclear plant in India was discussed by Indian scientists during a recent visit to Moscow, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi said Thursday.

Mrs. Gandhi, who is personally in charge of the country's nuclear program, told parliament the Indian scientists discussed details of an offer made to her when she visited the Soviet Union last year. Earlier this year, the prime minister denied U.S. press reports saying India was stockpiling plutonium to make nuclear weapons.

India exploded a nuclear device in 1974 and has refused to sign the nuclear non-proliferation treaty.

Meanwhile, three congressional Republicans broke ranks with the administration and urged that military aid to El Salvador be cut off unless the Central American government agrees to negotiate an end to the war.

In Los Angeles, deputy White House press secretary Larry Speakes said: "As far as combat troops, rule them out. As far as advisers, our initial plan is to move it to 55 and see how that works."

"There's absolutely no plan to use combat troops and I don't think the president would look with favor on that at all," he said.

Hughes said the Salvadoran guerrillas have seized the psychological initiative in the war and there is a pressing need for the United States to provide the military aid it thinks the Salvadorans must have to "put the guerrillas on the defensive" again.

A State Department official, who likewise insisted on anonymity, said a decision is likely within the next several days, after consultations with Congress, on whether to seek specific congressional approval for \$60 million in additional military aid for El Salvador this year, or take the money from a special emergency fund.

Calls for an end to U.S. military aid to El Salvador unless the government attempts to negotiate an end to the fighting were made by Senators Mark O. Hatfield of Oregon and David Durenberger of Minnesota and Rep. Jim Leach of Iowa.

"We hope you will give serious consideration to this Republican initiative," Hatfield, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, and Leach said in a letter to Reagan that they released as they introduced their bill.

The legislation would require that the Salvadoran government be "engaged in good faith in a negotiation process" to end the war to get military aid.

Meanwhile, William Schneider Jr., an undersecretary of state, said the Reagan administration's prediction that the Salvadoran Army could run out of ammunition in 30 days is based on the assumption of far heavier combat than is now occurring.

In another development, the El Salvador government has agreed to hold elections in December, three months ahead of schedule, but balked at a U.S. request that the voting take place in October, leading politicians say.

The rightist-dominated Constituent Assembly also voted Thursday to extend for 10 months a controversial, U.S.-inspired agrarian reform program that has allowed thousands of peasants to gain title to land they worked on large estates.

Gaston Defferre faces possible defeat in local poll

PARIS, March 5 (AP) — Gaston Defferre, the mayor of Marseilles, has run this city like a Socialist feudal chief for 30 years. But Sunday, for the first time, he is faced with the possibility of defeat.

That possibility, although slim, has given hope to France's conservatives who want to deliver a strong message to the 22-month-old Socialist-Communist government of President Francois Mitterrand by handing the left a stiff setback in local voting.

The nationwide municipal elections, to be conducted in two rounds Sunday and March 13, have been turned into a sort of referendum on the performance of the central government. The port city of Marseilles, the second-largest in France and a long-time Socialist bastion, provides one of the key races.

Ironically Defferre, 72, and Mitterrand's interior minister, has never been more powerful on a national level. Yet this year, he is the weakest he has ever been on his home turf in the Mediterranean city of just over a million.

His opponent is Jean-Claude Gaudin, a 43-year-old bachelor who also is president of the centrist Union for French Democracy

in the National Assembly. A Gaudin victory would be a magnificent coup for the centrist-conservative opposition and a major embarrassment for the Mitterrand government.

No polls are allowed in the final week of French election campaigns, but the latest sounding before the deadline showed Defferre with a 53 to 47 percent lead over Gaudin. That is not as formidable as it may appear because of the complicated proportional voting system instituted this year.

To boost Gaudin's final campaign, some of the conservative opposition's top figures have descended on Marseilles in the past few days, including Jacques Chirac, mayor of Paris and head of the neo-Gaullist Rally for the Republic Party, and former President Valery Giscard d'Estaing.

The left has responded in like manner, sending some of its biggest guns down south, including Premier Pierre Mauroy and Communist Minister of Transportation Charles Fiterman.

One of Defferre's main headaches is explaining his dramatic turnaround from being the city's bulwark against the Communists, whom he has fought to keep out of

the city government for 30 years.

Because the Socialists and Communists have forged a united front to contest the elections, Defferre has been forced to embrace his one-time Communist foes and include some on his electoral list, promising the Communists several deputy mayor posts. That may gain him votes on the extreme left, but it is certain to cost him among crucial middle-of-the-road voters.

"Being a minister in a government that includes (four) Communist ministers, it would have been ridiculous not to have Communists on my municipal list," he said. "There must be a minimum of logic and a maximum of honesty."

Gaudin says Defferre, "being one of the rare men in power who can do what he wants," has not allied himself with the Communists merely because of the National Union. "He has allied himself with the Communists simply because he is afraid of being beaten."

The other major issues are crime in the streets and the flood of illegal immigrants, which many Marseillais see as one and the same.

By some estimates, illegal immigrants,

mostly from North Africa, make up more than 10 percent of the city's population. They have taken over an entire area in central Marseilles, and are blamed for much of the burgeoning crime rate, which includes a violent crime every seven minutes.

In what the conservative newspaper *Le Figaro* called "a masterpiece of the genre," Marseilles was gerrymandered to a point where, by Gaudin's own calculation, he must win 52.1 percent of the popular vote in order to have a majority on the 101-member city council.

As unfavorable as his position might seem, Gaudin, a former history and geography teacher and the son of a mason, cannot be counted out. He was a member of the city council for 12 years. In 1978, in defiance of the polls, he took a seat in parliament from the Socialists in south Marseilles. And in 1981, he kept it in spite of the landslide that swept the left to power in Paris.

But in Defferre, a former resistance fighter who is married to author Edmonde Charles-Roux, Gaudin is faced with an institution that has become a habit with Marseilles citizens.

Craxi spurns alliance move

MILAN, Italy, March 4 (R) — Italian Socialist leader Bettino Craxi indicated the time was not ripe for the country's left-wing forces to form an alliance to end Christian Democratic domination of political life.

Craxi, speaking at the Italian Communist Party's national congress in Milan, was responding to an appeal at the congress opening Tuesday by Communist leader Enrico Berlinguer for the two parties to develop a "democratic alternative" to government by the Christian Democrats.

The Socialist leader said his party had always sought to maintain a dialogue with the Communists even at moments of greatest strain "with the aim of keeping open the options of a different future for the Italian left." But he added that this prospect was "in our opinion still confused and unclear."

Italy's Socialists have spent the past several years in uneasy government coalition with Christian Democrats while the Communists have been excluded from national office since 1947.

But many Italian cities, including the capital, and three regional administrations are by left-wing alliances of Communists and Socialists. Craxi said his party did not rule out a pact with the Communists in the future provided conditions were right.

The Socialist leader said communications between the two parties, which had sometimes reached breaking point, had to be revived. "If there is an urgent problem between us that needs solving it is that of poor communications," he said.

Orient Express to be revived

LONDON, March 4 (AP) — The original route of the Orient Express, the legendary train whose mystique and luxury attracted an elite clientele ranging from Haile Selassie to Mata Hari, is to be revived in October.

Exactly 100 years after its inaugural journey across Europe, a new version of the Orient Express will be launched by a London travel agency, Voyages Jules Verne.

The train will leave Paris on Oct. 4 and wind up in Istanbul 15 days and 3,200 kilometers later after a rail journey through Western and Eastern Europe.

After the initial trip, the company plans to operate a regular twice monthly service beginning in May 1984.

"We are trying to bring back real train travel and will stick as faithfully as possible to the original route created in 1883 by Belgian entrepreneur Georges Nagelwacker," said Elizabeth Morrell, a director of Jules Verne's which specializes in rail holidays.

At a cost of 1,250 pounds (\$1,887), passengers will travel through seven countries with stop-overs at period hotels in Salzburg, Vienna, Budapest, Bucharest, Sofia and Istanbul.

The London-based firm has commissioned four newly refurbished carriages of the 1930s era from the Wagons-Lits Company formed by Nagelwacker for his original Orient Express, which ceased operations in 1977.

The rail trip, billed by the Jules Verne

agency as one of the "last great journeys of the world," ends at the Black Sea port of Varna, where a ship will ferry passengers through the Bosphorus Strait to Istanbul. The price includes train and hotel meals, city tours, English-speaking guides and a flight back to London from Istanbul.

Mrs. Morrell said the journey was not designed to compete with a more lavish Orient Express venture launched last year by the London-based shipping company, Sea Containers. That 23-hour rail journey, taking in only the London to Venice portion of the Orient Express route, costs \$375 one way.

"We are appealing to a different type of person," said Mrs. Morrell. "Ours is a journey rather than a romantic excursion. We are not setting out to be glamorous, merely to commemorate the founding of the train."

She said the company had already received 90 reservations for the inaugural trip, which has a capacity of 120 places.

The original Orient Express was host to royalty, including King Leopold II of Belgium, Kings Ferdinand and Boris of Bulgaria, England's Edward VIII when he was Prince of Wales, and the Duke and Duchess of York before he became King George VI.

Other patrons include Emperor Charles of Austria and Hungary, Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia, Herbert Hoover, Elsa Maxwell and the renowned spy Mata Hari.

Greeks protest U.S. bases

ATHENS, March 4 (R) — Greece's ruling Socialist Party and the Communists staged a mass rally here against the presence of American military bases in Greece.

The rally in the city-center Constitution Square was organized by peace movements of the ruling Panhellenic Socialist Movement (PASOK), the Moscow-line Greek Communist Party and the Eurocommunists.

The parties polled more than 60 percent of the votes at the last elections in 1981. New Democracy, the major opposition party, which polled 36 percent of the votes, refused to take part.

Tens of thousands of demonstrators shouted slogans such as "down with the bases of death," "Greece out of NATO" and "no to American pressures and blackmail." Police were on alert to prevent them from marching on the heavily guarded U.S. Embassy nearby.

Talks are under way to decide whether a

29-year-old bilateral defense agreement governing four big military bases, two near Athens and two on the island of Crete; and several smaller installations should be renewed.

The Greek government has said nuclear warheads are stored in American bases here but has not said how many and of what type. The negotiations are the first major test of Greek-American relations since the Socialist government of Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu took office 16 months ago after campaigning on an anti-NATO platform.

He has since softened his stand. He says he is prepared to negotiate the presence of the bases but the agreement must be on a basis of equality, with Greece getting something in return. Speakers at the rally said the bases were a threat to Greece and the government should demand their withdrawal in favor of a nuclear-free zone in the Balkan peninsula.

Polish situation worse, U.S. says

GENEVA, March 4 (R) — Repression in Poland has worsened despite the formal ending of martial law, U.S. delegate Richard Schifter told the United Nations Human Rights Commission. Measures enforced now to prevent peaceful dissent were different from those which were used to crush the Solidarity trade union, he said.

"Wrestling a man to the ground requires holds different from those that are needed to keep him to the ground," Schifter added. "In fact, from a legal point of view, the situation in Poland is now significantly worse than it was a year ago," he went on. Repression was at present "solidly anchored in the ordinary code of laws."

The U.S. delegate said Thursday Polish laws had been amended to allow the government to engage in repressive acts "without having to resort to the device of proclaiming a state of war."

Schifter expressed his country's concern over "the present repression in Poland directed against the Polish people under a mandate issued in Moscow." He stressed however that Washington's policy was not directed against Poland or the Polish people.

Polish delegate Henryk Sokalski interrupted the U.S. representative when he quoted a newspaper article saying the dependence of "the Jaruzelski regime" on Moscow was greater now under Soviet leader Yuri Andropov. "The Jaruzelski regime is no worse for me than the Reagan regime for him," Sokalski said.

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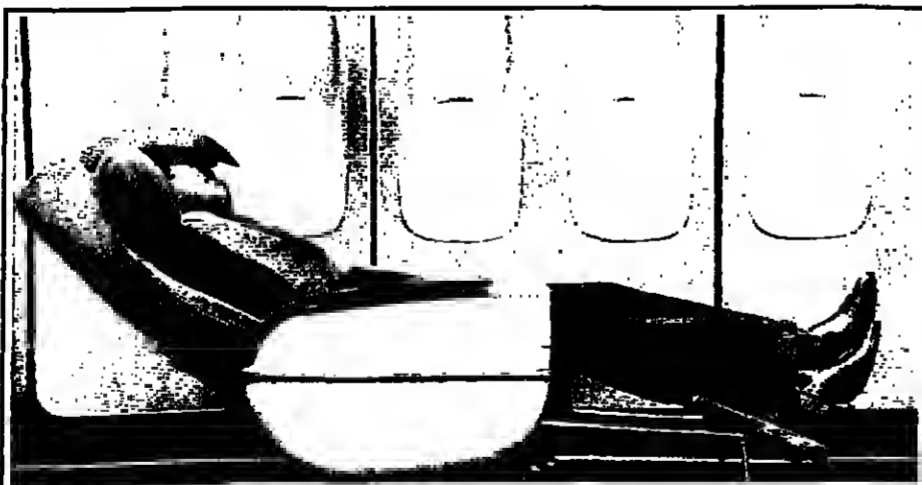
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And now floods hit Australia

SYDNEY, March 4 (R) — South Australia, ravaged by bushfires last month, has been declared a disaster area again, this time because of floods. Floodwaters after torrential rains swept down from the Adelaide hills north of the state capital and inundated homes and farmland on the coastal plains.

State Minister John Bannon declared the disaster as the weather bureau forecast more rains and thunderstorms. No serious injuries were reported, but about 140 houses, schools and businesses were damaged. Total cost of the damage was put at \$seven million, while the damage from last month's fires, which killed 26 persons, was estimated at \$20 million.

The rains in south Australia came amid signs that the weather pattern over Australia, suffering from one of its worst droughts, was changing. But the state's farm organization president, Grant Andrews, said the rain was not sufficient to break the drought and it had caused extensive soil erosion.

As flooding hit south Australia, cyclones battered the coasts of west Australia and Queensland on the east coast, bringing with them torrential rains. Cyclone Eleanor, with head winds of 100 kilometers an hour, moved across the Queensland coast Friday near the town of Carmela, 720 kilometers north of Brisbane.

Ugandan group threatens aliens

NAIROBI, March 4 (AFP) — A guerrilla movement opposed to President Milton Obote's government in Uganda has issued a "final warning" to foreigners living in Kampala to leave the country for their own security.

A communique distributed in Nairobi, in neighboring Kenya, by the National Resistance Army (NRA) of former Defense Minister Yoweri Museveni warned diplomats, relief workers, members of a Commonwealth military training team and all other foreigners that the NRA did not "possess powers to control accidents."

The sooner they found their exit from Uganda, the better for their families," the communique said.

Last December an Indian diplomat was killed in the Ugandan capital, and two North Korean officers were killed in August.

N-war 'will kill' 60% in U.K.

LONDON, March 4 (AP) — The British Medical Association estimated Thursday that 60 percent of the British population would be killed in a 200-megaton nuclear bomb attack — a third more than estimates by the Conservative government.

A report by a BMA's board of science, which conducted an 18-month study taking into account U.S. research, estimated that 33.5 million of Britain's 56-million population would die, compared with the Home Office's 20-million estimate.

"This report is free from bias. It is a dispassionate account of the facts as far as we can get them," said Dr. John Dawson, undersecretary of the 52,000-member BMA, which represents two-thirds of Britain's doctors.

The Home Office, which is responsible for civil defense, said the doctors' report was a "very pessimistic view," but conceded the effect of any nuclear attack would be "horrendous."

The spokesmao also announced that the Home Office had begun revising its casualty estimates in view of U.S. figures. "We are reviewing all our figures," the spokesman said. "The Americans go in for more pessimistic assumptions than ours."

Defense Secretary Michael Heseltine, concerned that the doctors' report would provide new ammunition for peace move-

ments opposed to Britain's retaining a nuclear arsenal and deploying U.S. nuclear missiles, agreed that the report made the "worst assumptions."

"The overwhelming strength of our policy of deterrence lies in the horrors that this report repeats," Heseltine said in a television interview. "The Soviets must never for one moment believe that they could win any war against the West. There can be no winners in a nuclear exchange."

The Home Office, which prepared a statement to coincide with the BMA announcement said: "The effect of any nuclear attacks would be horrendous even if they were localized... but should they occur there would be millions of survivors."

BMA Secretary Dr. John Harvard said the committee which drew up the report expressed no political view. "It would be possible to conclude from the facts in the report either that nuclear war was so dreadful Britain should have the best weapon system to deter an attack, or that the weapons should be done away with to ensure it does not happen," said Harvard.

The campaign for Nuclear Disarmament welcomed the report, saying it "exposes in a very definite way the illusions of civil defense." Local governments controlled by the opposition Labor Party, pledged to scrap nuclear weapons.

China opposes import of arms

PEKING, March 4 (AFP) — China is against importing military equipment because it is not interested in deals with strings attached. Defense Minister Gen. Zhang Aiping made this clear in an article published here, saying he believed the only way to modernize China's Army was to do it without foreign aid.

In the review *Hongqi* (red flag) he said turning abroad for help in modernizing China's 4.2 million strong army was "impossible and unrealistic." "The best we can get in advanced weapons from abroad are second rate with conditions attached," he said.

His comments are thought to have been directed particularly at the United States, which offered China offensive weapons on the basis of a case by case examination — an offer to which Peking has not yet reacted officially.

Foreign experts said the general seemed to be taking a harder line than other high-ranking military officials in recent months, who favored the purchase of certain advanced military equipment from abroad.

China has recently bought Sea Dart air-to-sea missiles and electronic equipment for destroyers from Britain at a cost of 100 million pounds (\$150 million).

BRIEFS

HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP) — Botswana has denied any knowledge of 20 Zimbabwe schoolboys allegedly abducted from their classrooms in Matabeleland and marched at gunpoint across the border into Botswana, the Zimbabwe Inter-African News Agency reported Friday. "I know absolutely nothing," the semi-official news agency quoted a top aide to President Quett Masire.

The schoolboys were abducted from Silonkwe school Saturday, Zimbabwe said.

ATHENS (R) — Greece and Cyprus agreed to cooperate in drawing up a plan for a just solution of the Cyprus issue, Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu said Thursday. Speaking to reporters after two hours of talks, the premier and Cypriot President Spyros Kyprianou said the Cyprus issue would be raised during the nonaligned conference in New Delhi.

WINDHOEK (AFP) — South African forces in Namibia have shot and killed 155 black nationalist SWAPO guerrillas since the middle of last month, a military statement said here Thursday. Since the Southwest Africa People's Organization launched its most important offensive in the 18-year guerrilla war two weeks ago, the military authorities have also announced 25 civilian deaths, all blacks.

MOSCOW (R) — A Soviet dissident arrested 15 months ago has made a televised confession that his actions were wrong and

charged that he was manipulated by U.S. intelligence. Valery Repin, 32, broadcast a statement on local television in Leningrad saying he hoped his repentance would help all people who believed in foreign propaganda to see the truth.

BERN, Switzerland (AP) — Soviet author Valery Tarsis, an exile dissident whose anti-Communist works included a personal account of eight months in a Soviet psychiatric asylum, died here Thursday. He was 76.

NICE, France (AP) — A bronze bas-relief portrait of the late Princess Grace of Monaco was stolen from a commemorative pillar on the outskirts of this riviera city Wednesday night, police said. Prince Rainier and Princess Caroline of nearby Monaco unveiled the plaque two weeks ago when a major road linking Nice and neighboring Villefranche-sur-Mer was reopened in memory of Princess Grace, who died after a car crash last Sept. 14.

VIENNA (R) — Former Japanese Prime Minister Takeo Fukuda will chair a meeting of former presidents and prime ministers from various countries next week in an attempt to launch a new dialogue between rich and poor states, according to a United Nations spokesman. The Vienna meeting from March 7 to 9 will be backed by the U.N. development program. It will seek to promote discussion of North-South development issues, the spokesman said Thursday.

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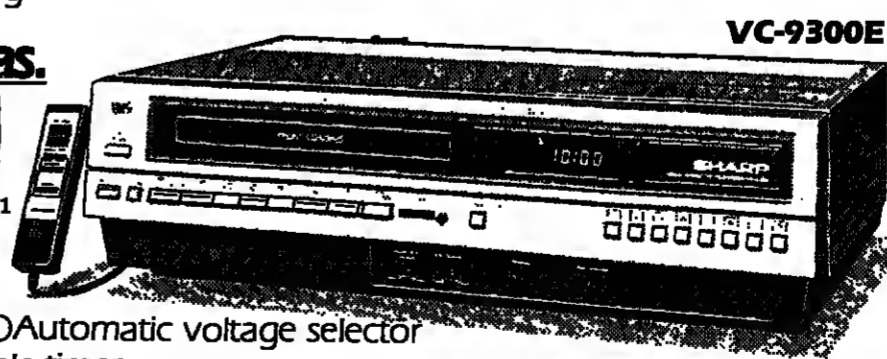
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Against U.S. in Davis Cup

Vilas puts Argentina one-up

BUENOS AIRES, March 4 (Agencies) — Guillermo Vilas gave Argentina a 1-0 lead in their first round Davis Cup tennis match against the holders, the United States, when he beat Gene Mayer in straight sets, 6-3, 6-3, 6-4 here Friday. The day's second singles match pitted Jose-Luis Clerc against John McEnroe.

McEnroe: Yannick Noah whipped Konstantin Pugaev, 6-4, 6-4 Friday to put France ahead against the Soviet Union.

The top-ranked Frenchman used a booming serve and fine passing shots to beat the Soviet in one hour and 35 minutes at the small sports arena. Henri Leconte meets Vadim Borisov in the second singles match later Friday.

In the first set, Pugaev took an early lead and held a 3-2 advantage. In the second set, Noah started off with a break in the first game. Each player then held serve for the Frenchman to go two sets up.

Pugaev started the third set by holding

serve, but Noah showed his form by crawling level in a game that featured three straight aces. The Soviet player served up an ace to win the third game after it had gone to two deuces. Noah drew even at 2-2 and then went ahead on a break in the fifth game. He then held service in the sixth and broke Pugaev again in the seventh, not even allowing the Soviet player a point.

But Pugaev recovered, breaking straight back and holding serve to cut Noah's lead to 5-4. In the tenth game, however, Noah went 40-15 up with a magnificent drop shot and clinched the match with a passing shot on the next point.

Christchurch: New Zealand took a 1-0 lead and were ahead in the second singles after the first day in their rain-hit match against Denmark. Russell Simpson was given a testing time by Denmark's Michael Mortensen before winning 8-6, 9-11, 6-4, 6-2 in a tense struggle lasting two and three-quarter hours.

New Zealand No. 1 Chris Lewis was 10-8, 1-0 up against Denmark's top player Peter Bastiansen in the second singles at the end of the day. The tie started three hours late after overnight rain seeped under the covers of the court.

Adelaide: The Australia, Great Britain was put off by a day because of rains. The match has been moved back one day with the first singles Saturday, followed by the doubles on Sunday and the reverse singles on Monday.

Italy: Sean Sorensen produced a superb fightback to put Ireland ahead against Italy. The left-handed Sorensen, ranked No. 465 in the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) rankings, went down 6-1 to Italy's Claudio Panatta in the first set but came back to take the match 1-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-1.

Panatta, making his Davis Cup debut after being preferred to his older brother, Adriano, in the singles, got off to a fine start by winning the first set and then led 4-1 in the second. From then on, Sorensen dominated and Panatta's challenge gradually collapsed.

Colombo: India took a commanding 2-0 lead over Sri Lanka. Sashi Menon completely outclassed the home team's Frank Sebaratnam, Sri Lanka's national champion, while Vijay Amritraj, the Indian skipper who recently married a Sri Lankan, won the second match against Arjun Fernando.

Menon comfortably demolished Sebaratnam 6-0, 6-1, 6-3, while Fernando, who plays professional tennis in the United States, kept the spectators happy holding Amritraj on the court for nearly two hours before going down 6-3, 6-1, 6-4.

Oaks: China and Japan split two singles matches. In the first match, Japan's top professional, Tsuyoshi Fukui, 25, had little trouble beating China's up-and-coming Li Shiqin, 22, 6-0, 6-0, 6-1 in the second singles. China's second-ranked Liu Shuhua defeated Japan's Hitoshi Shiv 8-6, 6-3, 3-6, 4-6, 6-4.

Seoul: South Korea took a convincing 2-0 lead over the Philippines. Jeon Yong-dae of South Korea defeated Virgilio Sison of the Philippines 6-1, 6-4, 8-6 while Kim Choon-ho beat Romeo Rafon 8-6, 6-3, 6-0.

Filipino pair emerge tops

By Paddy Rogan

JEDDAH, March 4 — As expected the top seeds Rene Abastillas and Mike Relleve lifted the doubles title at the Air France-Alhild Hotel-sponsored tennis event at the weekend.

Their 7-5, 6-0 victory over second-seeded Boh Reece and Tom Bozarth was not quite as convincing as they may have hoped or as the scoreline suggests. With the score standing at 5-6 and Bozarth serving 40-0 a tiebreaker looked on the cards.

Until this point the Reece-Bozarth combination were playing confidently and it was beginning to register in the minds of the top seeds that they had a fight on their hands. But the Filipino pair changed gears at this stage, played precision tennis, won the game and the set and then reeled off six straight games for the match.

With a number of reflex volley winners and displaying incredible recovery the



WELL TACKLED: Bohemians Zdenek Prokes (No. 3) slides neatly to dispossess Dundee United's Ralph Milne of the ball as colleague Peter Zelensky looks on during Bohemians won the first-leg match 1-0.

For Five Nations clash with Scotland

England recalls Steve Smith

LONDON, March 4 (AFP) — England scrum-half Steve Smith will have something to prove in Saturday's Five Nations Rugby Union International against Scotland at Twickenham.

For Smith, the former skipper, was originally dropped by the English selectors along with stand-off Les Cusworth. But Smith earned a quick reprieve when his replacement, Nigel Melville, was ruled out of the team with an ankle injury this week. Smith's partner at half-back will be John Horton.

New captain John Scott, who wants increased commitment from his team in the Calcutta Cup clash, will have been relieved by the news that full-back Dusty Hare, the world's leading points scorer, successfully came through a fitness test on his injured ribs Thursday.

The Scots, who, like England, have made many changes, also have several points to

prove Saturday. They are still pointless after three games and must beat England if they are to have any chance of avoiding the wooden spoon.

However, Scotland's record at Twickenham is hardly in their favor. New captain Jim Aitken will be leading a side which has won there only once, in 1971, since World War I. Center Jim Renwick has overcome an ankle injury and will equal Andy Irvine's Scottish record of 51 caps.

Meanwhile, Ireland will step out into the Cardiff Arms Park cauldron knowing that victory over Wales will guarantee them at least a share of the championship.

But the Irish, champions last season carry with them into this vital match a record at the Arms Park which is hardly impressive. Their last win at the Welsh national stadium was by a poor margin back in 1967 and, indeed, there has only been one other Irish success there in the past 50 years.

No player knows more about the special atmosphere of the Arms Park than Fergus Slattery, who has appeared in five losing Irish sides on the ground. The 34-year-old flanker, who also needs no reminding that since he gave up the captaincy Ireland have won five out of six matches, will probably not have another chance to taste victory in Cardiff.

He draws comfort from the fact that on their last four visits the Irish have got closer and closer to breaking their losing streak. IN 1975 it was 32-4, in 1977 25-9, in 1979 24-21 and two years ago 9-8. Slattery scored one of the two Ireland tries in that match, but Ollie Campbell had a rare off day with his kicking and Wales still scraped home with two penalties and a drop goal.

On the injury front, there is relief in the Welsh camp that scrum-half Terry Holmes should be fit.

BMW to boost Brabham in Brazil

MUNICH, West Germany, March 4 (AP) — A new generation Formula One car was presented to the racing world Thursday by Germany's BMW automobile company and Britain's Brabham racing team.

Hans-Erdmann Schoenbeck of BMW told reporters attending the "world premiere" demonstration of the Brabham BT52 in Munich that the car should enhance chances for success in this year's Grand Prix season.

The low-slung racer, which resembles a supersonic fighter plane, was developed in only three months, Schoenbeck said, and will make its Grand Prix debut March 13 in

Barcelona axe falls on Lattek

BARCELONA, March 4 (AFP) — Udo Lattek was Thursday dismissed as manager of Spanish First Division club Barcelona, renewing speculation that former Argentina manager Cesar Luis Menotti is poised to take charge of the club.

Lattek, a West German, was relieved of his duties less than 24 hours after he had steered the club a step closer to retaining the European Cup Winners' Cup when they drew 0-0 with Austria Vienna in the quarterfinal first leg in Vienna Wednesday night.

It is believed that he has been sacked due to a series of poor results, culminating in the humiliating 2-0 league defeat at the hands of bottom club Santander last weekend.

Menotti, who took Argentina to the World Cup in 1978 but was dismissed late last year, reportedly signed an agreement with Barcelona on Dec. 22 which ensured that he would be appointed manager next season.

Reports in the Spanish press have indicated that there was an option in the agreement stating that Menotti would take over the running of the club during the current season if the Barcelona's run of poor results continued.

On Friday, Lattek admitted at a press conference that there had been differences between himself and Barcelona directors but showed no bitterness toward them and described the club as "special."

Smiling, he added: "To be manager of Barcelona is beautiful. I have been very happy here. In fact, I am thinking of buying a house so that, when it is possible, I can come back for a few days."

Lattek, formerly manager of West German clubs Bayern Munich and Borussia Moenchengladbach, said he did not know what the future held for him now. "I might quit football as a professional manager, it's equally possible I will continue in the job, including in Spain," he commented.

Shergar hunt goes on

DUBLIN, Ireland, March 4 (AP) — Police Thursday issued artist's sketches of three men, "The Jockey," "The Nose" and "The Guard," wanted in connection with the Feb. 8 abduction of the \$13-million champion racehorse Shergar.

A police spokesman said the sketches were circulated nationwide to police stations. Police, who gave the three their colorful nicknames, have said they believe one of them, who is slightly built, could have been a jockey. In the unofficial sketch, he was shown with a moustache. The second was dressed in what appeared to be a police uniform. The third man is said to have a prominent nose. Despite a massive hunt, there are no promising leads to the 5-year-old stallion's whereabouts.

Exhibiting an array of shots

Borg gives Tanner a tanning

KANSAS CITY, Missouri, March 4 (AP) — Bjorn Borg, playing in what was billed as his final competitive match in North America, whipped Roscoe Tanner 6-3, 6-4, 6-3 Thursday night in an exhibition tennis match.

The five-time Wimbledon champion showed no ill effects from the infected hand blisters which had caused the postponement of his originally scheduled Feb. 14 match with Tanner. Borg won the first game at love, and broke Tanner's service in the second game, allowing Tanner only one point.

The toughest game of the set for the 26-year-old Borg was the final one, with him serving. Borg fell behind 15-40, and cut the gap to 30-40 when Tanner missed a shot which appeared good.

Borg took the game to deuce, gained advantage on a forehand passing shot and won the set when Tanner netted a forehand volley. With the second set tied 3-3, Tanner double-faulted away the advantage in the seventh game and hit his next serve into the net. Borg slammed a forehand shot on the second serve, taking a 4-3 lead and control of the set. In the third set, the Swede got the only service break he needed in the seventh game and ran out the match.

Easy for Martina: Meanwhile, top-seeded Martina Navratilova trounced Susan Mascarin and third-seeded Andrea Jaeger beat Lisa Bonder to advance to the quarterfinals of the \$165,000 Carta Blanca Women's Tournament at the Inglewood Forum.

Navratilova took only 48 minutes to overpower Susan Mascarin 6-0, 6-0. Mascarin aces Navratilova once in the first game, but was no match for the world's top-ranked woman player. Jaeger easily handled Bonder 6-2, 6-2, taking the first four games of the first set before Bonder could hold service. The luckless Bonder double-faulted five times in the second set.

In earlier matches, Bonnie Gadusek defeated Leslie Allen 6-1, 6-2 and third-seeded Catherine Tanvier of France defeated

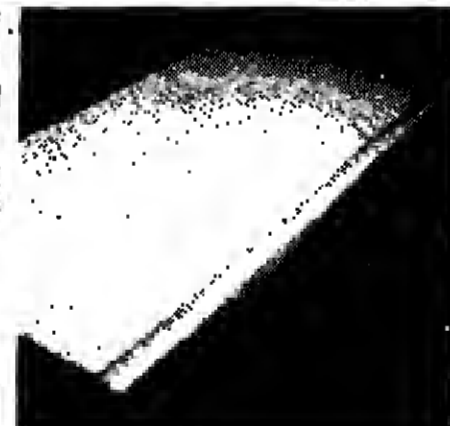
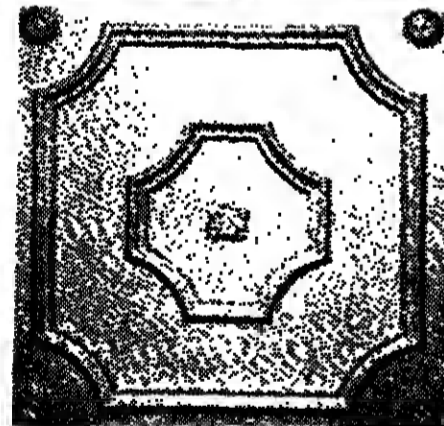


Bjorn Borg... back to form

Andrea Leand 7-5, 7-6. In Friday's quarterfinal matches, second-seeded Chris Evert Lloyd plays Virginia Ruzici of Romania; Billy Jean King faces Bettina Bunge of West Germany, the No. 4 seed, and Jaeger plays Tanvier.

In Rancho Mirage, top-seeded Hana Mandlikova of Czechoslovakia took less than an hour to defeat unseeded Mary Lou Piatek 6-2, 6-0 in a second-round match of the \$50,000 Congoleum Classic Women's Tournament.

Second seed Sylvia Hanika of West Germany also posted an easy victory, defeating Julie Harrington 6-0, 6-1 in a match that lasted just 45 minutes. Unseeded Wendy White scored the biggest upset so far in the Virginia Slims event, when she stunned third-seeded Mima Jausovec of Yugoslavia 3-6, 6-3, 6-3. Fifteen-year-old Kathy Rinaldi, the tournament's fourth seed, advanced to the quarterfinals with a 6-1, 3-6, 6-2 triumph over Netherlands' Marcella Mesker.

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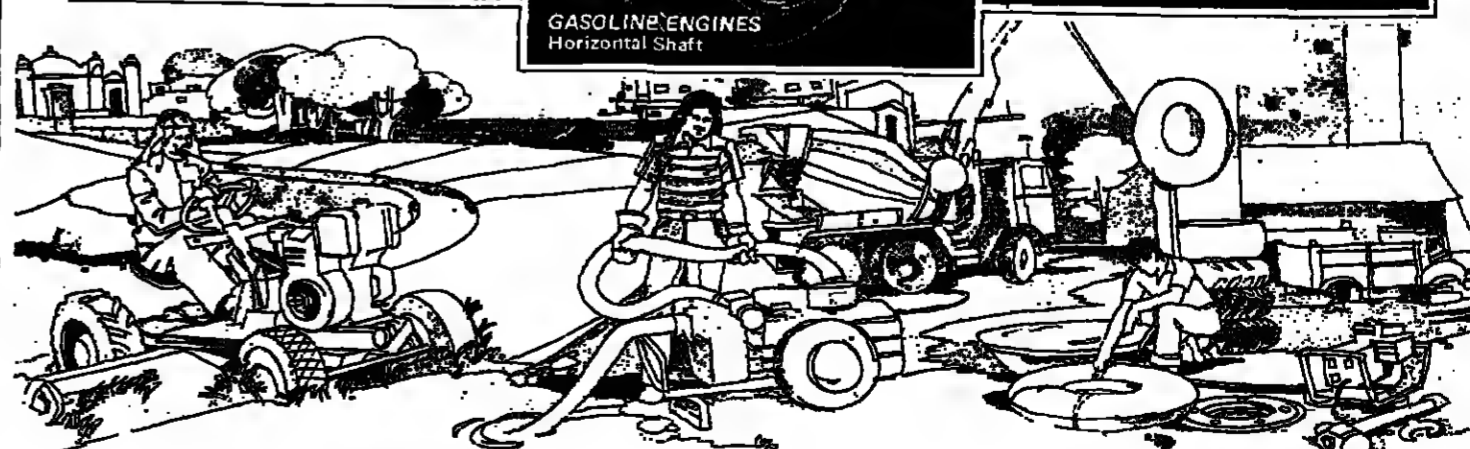
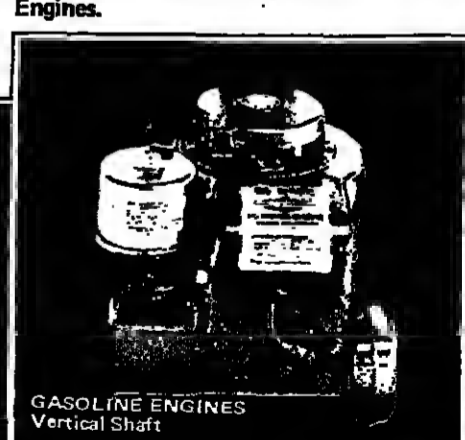
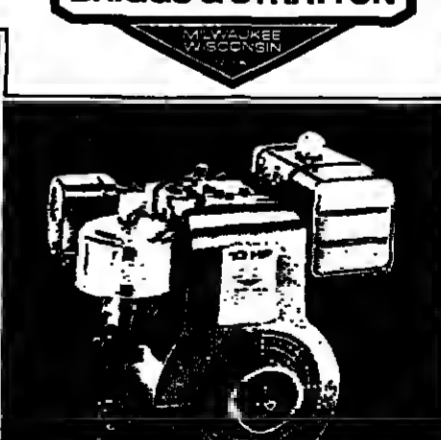
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With Sobers missing key basket

Hawks just about evade Bullets' blast

NEW YORK, March 4 (AP) — Ricky Sobers' three-point shot spun around the rim and fell out with one second remaining, pretty much epitomizing the way things have been going for the Washington Bullets.

"It has been an in-and-out season for Washington, although lately it has been mostly out. Thursday night's 91-89 loss to the Atlanta Hawks was the Bullets' seventh in the last eight games.

In the only other National Basketball Association game, the Kansas City Kings downed the Detroit Pistons 125-118 and the Utah Jazz defeated the Cleveland Cavaliers 118-113.

Kings 125, Pistons 118: At Pontiac, Michigan, Eddie Johnson scored 30 points,

Paul Cyr nets all 3 for Sabres

NEW YORK, March 4 (AP) — Rookie left wing Paul Cyr scored three goals in less than 4 1/2 minutes of the third period Thursday night to lift the Buffalo Sabres to a come-from-behind 3-2 National Hockey League victory over Boston that snapped the Bruins' 23-game home unbeaten streak.

In other NHL action, Mike Bossy scored a pair of second-period goals, including the 350th of his career, and assisted on another for his 100th point of the season to spark the New York Islanders to a 5-1 victory over the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Brian Propp scored two goals and Darryl Sittler added a goal and an assist to lead the Philadelphia Flyers to a 4-1 victory over the New Jersey Devils.

Bobby Carpenter scored two goals and the Washington Capitals killed off a pair of two-man disadvantages to take a 4-3 victory over the New York Rangers.

Mark Osborne scored his 17th goal of the season on a power play in the third period and Paul Woods added two goals as the Detroit Red Wings ran their unbeaten streak to four games with a 5-3 victory over Quebec.

Another setback for PakInd White

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 4 — Champions PakInd White were put in the blues last week. They suffered their second setback of the season in the Jeddah Bridge League and that left Dunes in the clear at the top.

The team to put it across the champions were past champions Saudia Blues. Saudia Blues, who have showed flashes of their true potential this season, were at their best against PakInd White. Their 14-6 victory coupled with Dunes' expected 15-5 thrashing of Gray Mackenzie gave Dunes a breather at the top.

Dunes, who have a two-point advantage, cannot, however, take it easy as they have to clash with their arch rivals PakInd White. Also with five more matches yet to be played the positions at the top may yet get a different look.

PakInd Green, who currently is placed third and is just four Victory Points away from its sister team, sustained their challenge with a 16-4 rout of lowly Marbella.

Larry Drew added 29 and the Kings broke loose in the second half to record only their third victory in the last 16 road games. Drew had 10 points and Johnson eight in a 24-8 burst that gave Kansas City a 79-64 lead. A 14-4 spree in the fourth period made it 115-100. Isiah Thomas and Kelly Tripucka each had 31 points for Detroit.

Jazz 118, Cavaliers 113: At Salt Lake City Utah, John Drew scored a season-high 40 points and Darrell Griffith added 35 to power Utah to its third victory in the last four games. Cleveland was led by Cliff Robinson's 33 points and World B. Free's 22. Utah led by 10 points midway in the third period and was up 99-84 early in the final quarter. Free sparked a rally that brought Cleveland within 111-110 with 2:40 remaining, but Drew converted two free throws and Griffith sank three.

Meanwhile, Billy of Milan downed Spain's Real Madrid 83-79 in their return match of the European Cup of Champions final round Thursday night and boosted its chances to qualify for a two-team grand finale of the prestigious basketball tournament.

The Italian team, which led 40-31 at half-time, piled up 12 points in the overall standings to tie another Italian team, Ford Canu, in first place. The two top teams in the final standings will clash in the Cup final in Grenoble, France, March 24.

Billy and Real played a keenly-contested match before a sold-out crowd of 5,000 at Milan's Sports Palace. Real led 17-16 after ten minutes and then always trailed the Italians for the rest of the match. Billy pulled up a peak advantage of 10 points by the 35th minute, and the Spanish team resorted to a pressure tactic to reduce the gap in the last few minutes, but could not avert defeat.

Thursday night loss left Real with ten points out of nine matches in the standings spoiling its chances to reach the grand final. The Yugoslav star of Real, Drazen Dalipagic, was the top scorer of the match with 28 points. The American stars of Billy, John Gianelli and Mike d'Antonio scored 18 and 8 points respectively.

Eaglets claw way into EPCA final

By a Staff Writer

DHAHRAN, March 4 — The big guns of Arabian Eagles were surprisingly silenced by an accurate Abahsain attack. But the Eagles had enough power left in them to shore up their defenses against the meek volleys of Abahsain before emerging triumphant.

The Eastern Province Cricket Association League semifinal clash at the Saxe Oval produced fireworks, but not most of them were sizzlers. Only few came out with a thumping bang as the Eagles soared to the final with a 12-run verdict over Abahsain.

Eaglets began brightly with one-drop bat Saleem Raza (56) farming the hostile attack. His 74-run association with Ghulam Shabbir (65 ret'd.) for the second-wicket put the Eagles on a firm footing at 141 for three. But the expected thunder from the remaining batsmen failed to materialize and the Eagles were left with a modest 204 in the crucial outing.

The Eagles, however, were not in the least worried. Khalid Khan marshaled his resources intelligently and employed a defensive field. But Abahsain outmaneuvered

Blomqvist well placed in Rally

POVOA DO VARZIM, Portugal, March 4 (Agencies) — Sweden's Stig Blomqvist in a Audi-Quattro led the Portuguese Rally when competitors arrived at this northern town Thursday night at the end of the 472 km (295 miles) third section, according to unofficial results.

Blomqvist was three seconds ahead of Finnish teammate Hannu Mikkola in the 2,430-km (1,510-mile) rally, third leg of the World Drivers' Championship. The race ends Saturday in Estoril.

The Lancias of world champion Walter Rohrl of West Germany and Finland's Markku Alen, who led after the first two stages, dropped down to third and fourth.

Meanwhile, an autopsy shows French race car driver Olivier Chandon de Brailles drowned when his car crashed through a barrier at Moroso Motorsports Park and sank in a canal, authorities say.



ON THE MOVE: Sweden's Stig Blomqvist together with co-driver Bjorn Cederberg making their way to Povoa De Varzim during the third leg of the Portuguese Rally Thursday.

As rain restricts play on opening day

Depleted Sri Lanka keeps Kiwis in check

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand, March 4 (AP) — The New Zealand team had trouble shaking off their One-Day cricketing habits as underdogs Sri Lanka enjoyed considerable success on the opening day of the first Test at Lancaster Park here Friday.

After Sri Lanka had won the toss and sent Geoff Howarth's men into bat, the New Zealand openers Glenn Turner (32) and Bruce Edgar (39) scored at more than a run a minute before Turner was out to a disputed

catch behind the wickets.

However, Turner and the other top order New Zealanders, who have played 16 One-Day internationals in recent weeks, were probably a little too keen on scoring quickly and by stumps New Zealand had lost seven wickets and been restricted to 217 runs.

The injury-plagued Sri Lankans, who have entered the match without leading batsmen Duleep Mendis and Roy Dias and top bowler

Asantha de Mel, had New Zealand reeling at 93 for four at one stage, after taking three quick wickets.

New Zealand's recovery was due largely to the steady Jeremy Coney, who finished with 69 not out. The Sri Lankan fast bowlers shared the wickets on a pitch with some life, while Somachandra de Silva kept the run scoring checked with a tight spell of spin. Ninety minutes of play was lost due to rain.

Score-board

New Zealand (1st innings):	
G. Turner c de Alwis b John	32
B. Edgar c M. Wettimuny b Ravi Ratnayake	39
J. Wright b Ramesh Ratnayake	13
G. Howarth c Gunasekera b Ravi Ratnayake	0
G. Crowe run out	12
J. Cooney batting	69
R. Hadlee b John	12
L. Cairns c M. Wettimuny b Ramesh Ratnayake	3
W. Lees batting	20
Extras	17
Total (for 7 wits)	217
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-59, 2-93, 3-93, 4-137, 5-159, 6-171.	
BOWLING: Ramesh Ratnayake 17-4-83-2; Ravi Ratnayake 19-7-51-2; John 12-2-45-2; De Silva 17-9-21-0.	

Khalid's tactical play initially as they raced to a 103 for one with half the overs still left.

Khalid, at this juncture, switched to bolder tactics. His immaculate field placings put the cork on the flow of runs, till Abahsain resorted to desperate measures. Abahsain flung the men in a frontal charge, but only saw their numbers eroded. And their flickering hopes of upsetting the Eagles vanished when Pervaiz (97) was brilliantly caught by Khalid off Azhar Hussain.

The other semifinal clash at the adjacent Abahsain ground saw AGE pull the rug from under the Aramco-Abqaiq feet. But before AGE could book their place in the final with a three-wicket win, they suffered some palpitations. But some steady batting saw them through.

Brief scores:
Arabian Eagles 204 (Ghulam Shabbir 65 ret'd., Saleem Raza 56, Karim Jan 27, Sami Khan 24 n.o., Ejaz Ahmed 2-34, Amir Siddiqui 2-53) beat Abahsain 192 (Pervaiz Butt 97, Shabbir Bashir 28, Pervaiz Chughtai 25; Azhar Hussain 3-19, Karim Jan 3-39, Shabbir 2-36).
Aramco-Abqaiq 209 for 9 (R. Hussain 58, Aminuddin 36, Shabid 25, Islamuddin 20; Qadir Jan 4-39, N. Mahmood 2-60) lost to AGE 210 for 7 (N. Mahmood 38, J. Akbar 29, Q. Jan 26, Raza 27, Shabid 29 n.o.; Aminuddin 2-36).

Stewart holds advantage at Lauderhill

LAUDERHILL, Florida, March 4 (AP) — Payne Stewart completed a 7-under-par 65 with a birdie on the final hole that provided him with a one-stroke lead Thursday in the first round of the \$400,000 Honda-Inverrary Golf Classic.

"I've been off for a couple of weeks, and spent a lot of time working on my game," Stewart said after his no-bogey round over the 7,129-yard (6,519-meter) Inverrary Country Club course. "I came back out with a good attitude and it paid off. I made more putts than I have in quite a while, but I still played the par-5s only one under and that's terrible."

His effort, however, was capped by an 18-foot (5.5-meter) birdie putt on the final hole that placed him one in front of Mike Reid, who also credited a more positive attitude with helping him to a 66 in the warm, sunny weather.

"It was the oasis at the end of the desert," said the soft-spoken Reid, who had missed the cut in his last two starts. He did not have a bogey Thursday. "Usually if you can't figure out what's wrong with your game, it's mental. I think I'd been trying to steer the ball."

PGA champion Ray Floyd rallied from an uncertain start, with a 31 on his back nine which, he said, "could have been two or three shots lower." He finished with a 67 and was tied with Peter Jacobsen.

The group at 68 included Gary Koch, a five-shot winner last week at Doral, Johnny Miller, George Burns, Lon Hinkle, Dave Edwards, Steve Melnyk and Mike Sullivan. Jack Nicklaus was 3-under after five holes, but couldn't hang on to it. A three-time winner on this course, Nicklaus finished at par-72. Defending champion Hale Irwin struggled to a 73.

Stewart started quickly with a birdie on his first hole, scored again from about 15 feet (4.8 meters) and hit an 8-iron to less than two feet on his ninth hole to turn in 33. He birdied three of the next four, two of them from 20-25 feet (7-9 meters), to gain a tie for the lead, then capped it with his birdie on the final hole.

Meanwhile, a winter storm rolling slowly across Arizona after wreaking havoc in California drenched Phoenix Thursday, leading officials to postpone first-round play in the \$150,000 Samaritan-turquoise Ladies Professional Golf Association meet.

Gusty winds and offcast skies marred Wednesday's Pro-Am but the predicted rain didn't come until after midnight. Even then the first six players scheduled to tee off managed to begin play shortly after dawn but were held up after only 20 minutes. They didn't even finish the second hole.

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U.S. AND SALVADOR

The U.S. State Department said Friday that it is "going to do everything that we are able to do" to achieve its goals in El Salvador, including dispatch of a small number of military advisers to train Salvadoran troops.

Memories of Vietnam. At first the number was small and then it grew into an army, the largest the country had outside its own shores. Salvador may be easier to manage than Vietnam since it is nearly, lines of communications are much shorter, the country smaller and there is no China in the vicinity to fuel the Viet Cong war against the U.S.-backed puppets in Saigon. So it should not be an insurmountable handicap to kill a lot of Salvadoran nationalists in order to help the tyrannical regime there to survive since it could not do so without massive American backing with arms, money and an ever-increasing number of advisers.

There is always a very thin red line between advisers and combatants. The advisers guide the local soldiers on the most effective ways to kill the nationalists, show them to use their firepower more efficiently and teach them to employ the latest techniques in snuffing out a revolution. So it must be quite in order to consider the American presence in Salvador aggressive and a threat to the legitimate aspirations of the downtrodden masses to a better and more dignified way of life.

All the evidence indicates that the Salvadoran revolution is a genuine native uprising against entrenched injustice, despotism, corruption and nepotism.

The revolutionaries as well as others in that part of the world had imbibed some of the cream of American ideals enshrined in the constitution and which the American media have never tired of stressing and upholding and transmitting to audiences in the region.

When the people began to want to apply what they had learned from the Americans, the U.S. government intervenes with guns and advisers to crush their dreams for a more decent way of life.

The Salvadoran people are not made of communist bogeys who can threaten the security of the U.S. They are simple, poor, brave, aspiring people who are being oppressed by the United States government.

Saudi Arabian press review

Most newspapers Friday called for Arab alert against Zionist plots to oppose all Middle East peace moves.

Okaz said the Arabs' position on a Middle East settlement was based on the unified plan adopted at the Fez summit last year and endorsed by the recently-held Palestine National Council (PNC). The Arabs, including the Palestinians, have left the door open for the positive factors of the American peace initiative, namely ending Israeli occupation of Lebanon and freezing settlements on the West Bank and in the Gaza Strip, it went on.

This was prompted by the hope that consultations would lead to a common ground on achieving other aims outlined in the Arab plan, the paper added. It criticized the American administration which it said was aware of the Zionist designs, for being satisfied merely with statements and shuttle trips by presidential envoy Philip Habib who is seeking a compromise rather than a radical solution of the problem.

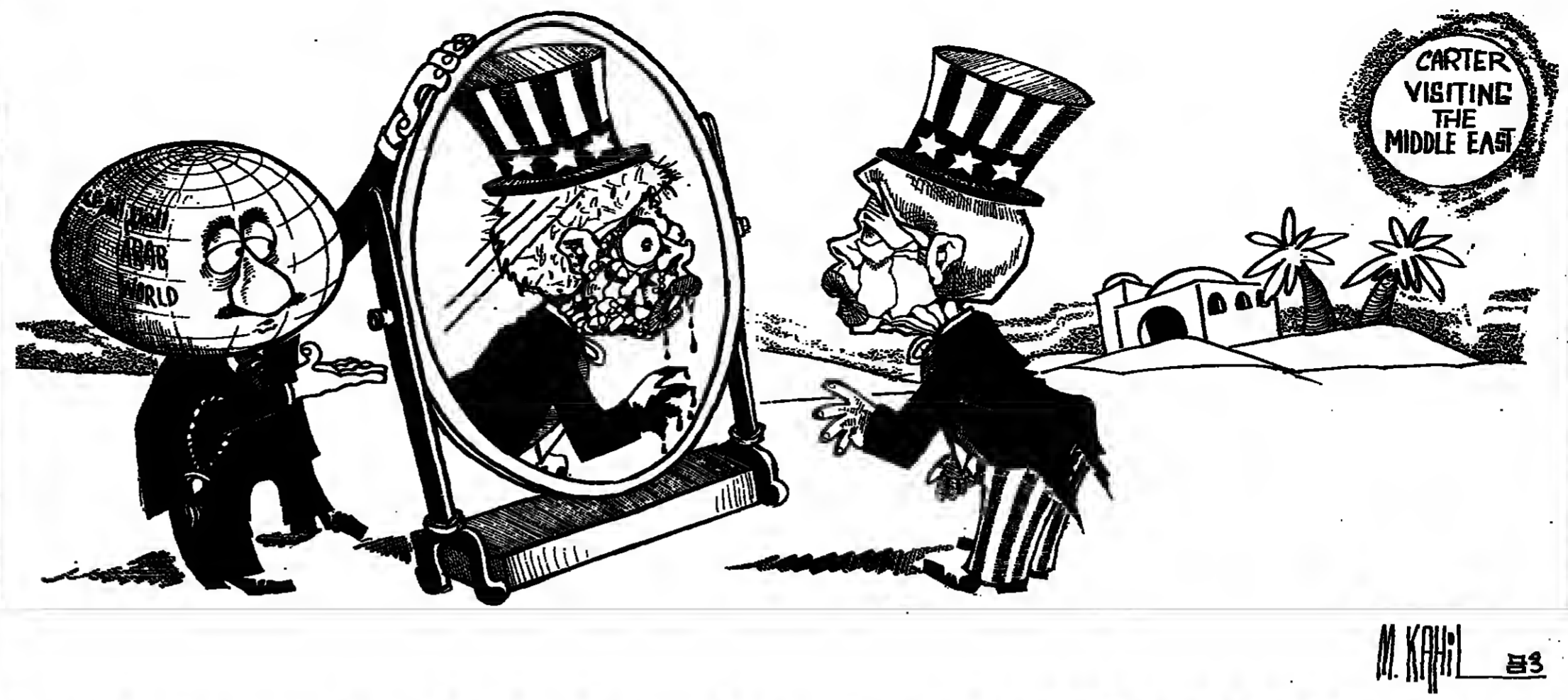
Al-Jazirah called on the Arab community in the United States to join hands with liberal Americans

to overcoming the Zionist lobby. It said that the Arabs should not expect to introduce positive and constructive changes in American policy on the Middle East as long as those at the head of the American administration allowed the Zionist lobbyists such as New York Mayor Edward Koch to seek Israel's interests rather than America's.

It is these Zionist Jews who had created enmity between the United States and many Third World countries, notably the Arab states, it added. The Arabs should own more than ever seek to exert influence on real Americans and the authorities to ensure a change of policy on the Middle East.

Al-Madinah called on Arabs and Muslims to foil what it termed as the evil doings of the Iranian regime. Commenting on the Gulf war, the paper said in an editorial that the Iranians' repeated attacks on Iraq constituted the ugliest forms of intervention in the affairs of other states.

It added that the Iranian regime's designs were aimed at creating chaos and implementing so-called unionist agreements by force. (SPA)



Serious, united Arab action needed for M. E. peace

By Ahmed Muhammad Jamal

LONDON — I have known Dr. Muhammad Fadhil Al-Jamali since 1957 when we met at an international seminar on Islam at Punjab University in Pakistan. I believe, he was the foreign minister of Iraq.

In the 1958 military coup of Abdul Karim Qasim, Dr. Jamali was arrested and sentenced to death but the sentence was later commuted to life imprisonment. In 1961, while he was in prison, Jamali wrote a bunch of educational letters to his son. After his release, he had the letters sent to the Arab West and published in the shape of a book entitled *Call to Islam*. I had reviewed the book and published it in a Saudi magazine and had discussed some of his views on education in my book, *Towards an Islamic Education*, which was published in 1980. I have always greatly admired his writings on Islamic subjects.

For this reason, I loved to enter into a new dialogue with him, in the form of a comment on his lengthy article published under the title "The past and present American policy in the Middle East," in *Al-Ahram* Al-Awsat Feb. 8, 1983.

In his article, Dr. Jamali says: "When Israel, France and Britain invaded Egypt in the autumn of 1956, U.S. President Eisenhower made a resolute move and made America's allies, Britain and

France, cease war immediately. He also met Israel's procrastination in withdrawing from Sinai with firmness and determination. "The U.S. took this attitude during the tripartite aggression on Egypt with boldness — a matter that earned Eisenhower and the American administration respect and recognition from just-minded people in the region at that time."

"The U.S. Middle East policy was partially free from the pressure of the Zionist lobby because President Eisenhower had not depended on Jewish votes to reach the presidency."

Through the foregoing, Dr. Jamali wanted to say that "the growing Jewish intervention in America and the impact of their electoral votes, later on, made the U.S. administration too weak to intervene or dominate Israel in preventing its aggression on Lebanon, PLO and the pogrom of Palestinian families in Sabra and Shatila. It came to be known that it was Secretary of State Alexander Haig who had given the green signal to Israel to invade Lebanon. However, President Reagan later replaced him by George Shultz."

Let us now discuss what Dr. Jamali said about the past and present attitude of America toward the Middle East. Eisenhower had not taken that splendid attitude on the tripartite aggression on Egypt

because he was convinced of right and justice or pitied Egypt or wanted to please the Arabs. He had done so for the following two motives:

Firstly, Britain and France tempted Israel to commit aggression on Egypt. Britain and France joined in the aggression because President Nasser had nationalized the Suez Canal which was administered by an Anglo-French company on the basis of an old treaty. Eisenhower had not wanted to see the British or French colonialism return to Egypt or any other Arab state in the Middle East. And, if France had committed an aggression on Lebanon now, America would have raised a clamor and compelled France to withdraw immediately from Lebanon. But Israel alone invaded Lebanon to impose its terms and to achieve its security, as it claimed! Similarly, if Israel's occupation of Sinai in 1956 had been without British and French participation, Eisenhower and Dulles would have blessed it.

Secondly, Soviet Premier Khrushchev had given a warning to the three countries to withdraw from Egypt. Eisenhower wanted to tarnish Soviet Union's reputation with the Arabs — especially with Egypt which was the victim of aggression. Therefore, he sent a warning to Britain and France to withdraw and, in this way, rendered himself unable to exclude Israel which was a party in the tripartite aggression. As we said earlier, if Israel had

been the lone aggressor in Sinai in 1956, Eisenhower would neither have moved nor raised his voice nor even issued any warning to withdraw, exactly as it happened in 1967 and as is now happening in Lebanon!

The Jewish influence on the American policy is as old matter dating back to the establishment of Israel in 1948. After the British had planted this ominous entity in the midst of the Arabs on May 15, 1948, Israel's total upbringing had become the responsibility of the then American president, Harry Truman. The succeeding presidents, including President Reagan, stood like a comb's teeth in ensuring Israel's protection, in fondling it and in abstaining from stopping any aggression it committed under the pretext of its security!

The question now arises: Why do we justify the Israeli aggression on Lebanon with the American support alone? Why don't we remember anything about the Arab laxity since the usurpation of Palestine nearly 35 years ago? Why don't we also keep in mind the Arab rift and their conspiracy amongst each other? Where is the Arab joint defense charter which entitles the Arab armies to defend any Arab state against an external aggression even if it was from America, let alone Israel?

Why did the Arab states not withdraw their representatives from the United Nations and its Security Council during the Israeli attack on Lebanon and the Palestinians living in that country, denouncing the world body's incapability of helping the Arabs in the face of Israeli aggression? Furthermore, why did the Arab states not recall their ambassadors from Washington, to express resentment over America's negative attitude toward the Israeli aggression? This was the simplest things the Arab states could have done to demonstrate against the Israeli crimes perpetrated on the Lebanese and Palestinians even to this day.

Dr. Jamali, however, said in conclusion: "Welcoming 1983, shall we call upon President Reagan to adopt quick steps toward peace in the Middle East?" In this connection, I would like to ask: what did the Arabs do with their peace plan which had been discussed at the Fez summit? Why didn't anyone of them hasten to President Reagan, not merely to submit the plan to him, as the seven-member committee did, but to enter into serious negotiations until a desired solution, or at least a first step toward peace, was found?

Why do the Palestinian leaderships differ, with some of them rejecting the PLO's accord with Jordan and some others thinking that their representation by King Hussein in negotiations with America would be a tutelage on them, although they are not children?

Again, what have Britain, France, the Soviet Union and other European democratic and Communist states done so far for the Middle East issue? Strangely enough, the seven-member Arab committee has been shutting among these states to acquaint them with the Arab proposal, as though they know nothing about it! Years after years are lost without the realization of the cherished dream. In fact, the Arabs alone are responsible for the realization of peace in the Middle East, and this they can achieve only by working seriously and ceaselessly on the right path.

(Translated from sister publication *Ashraf Al-Awsat*)

Soviet miners assail European missile plan

By Alison Smaile

DONETSK, USSR — At Donetsk's Chelyutinsk coal mine this week, 600 workers during their lunch hour crowded into a meeting hall to protest plans to deploy new U.S. missiles in West Europe. One country particularly on their minds was West Germany, where many of the missiles may be based.

The only woman to address the rally — a well-organized gathering far different from livelier peace rallies in the West — appealed to West German mothers to prevent their children dying in a nuclear holocaust. The workers also adopted a letter, read out by mine official Valentin Sokolov, to their West German counterparts. It called the Soviet Union's own SS-20 missiles "a missile shield and not a

sword" and "a means of defense against U.S. nuclear weapons that have long been deployed in the Federal Republic of Germany and other NATO countries."

Soviet factories and organizations often hold peace rallies like this one. At the Donetsk gathering in the heart of Soviet coal country, foreign reporters were specially invited to attend. But during West Germany's current election campaign, Bonn government spokesmen have accused the Soviets of trying to influence the election outcome by statements on nuclear issues.

Bonn spokesmen have resented remarks by Soviet Foreign Minister Andre Gromyko and an appeal Monday by Soviet workers in Moscow for West Germans to block the missiles' deployment.

The official Soviet news agency Tass rejected the German criticism Wednesday, saying "citizens of the Soviet Union, which lost 20 million people during World War II do not wish — and this, by the way, is the feeling of peace campaigners in West Germany — for Western Europe to be turned into NATO's nuclear arsenal."

The participants in the Donetsk rally, like Western demonstrators, bore placards. "Down with the nuclear arms race," they proclaimed. "Do not permit nuclear catastrophe." A cowboy looking like U.S. President Ronald Reagan stared from one poster, balancing precariously on a tightrope with a missile in one hand and the letters "MX" in the other.

But these demonstrators didn't wave their banners. They simply held them still while four cameras from Soviet television recorded their message. These demonstrators also didn't cheer or chant. The only time they made a sound during the 45-minute meeting was to applaud for speeches from a podium adorned with a large red banner proclaiming that miners from this region opposed nuclear arms.

Mineworkers' official Mikhail Kukhar spoke first, regaling his audience with a litany of Western misdeeds. Workers then took the stand to read individual statements. The message of peace without new American missiles in Europe pervaded each short discourse. Standpoints varied only according to whether the speaker was a young worker or a pensioner who remembered the fight against Nazism.

At the end of the rally, most of the participants — including many of the miners' wives, uniformly dressed and with boots, hats and lamps utterly untouched by coal — left the room. Others lingered, clustering in a crowd where this correspondent asked one woman what she thought the meeting had achieved.

"We want to live in peace," said the woman, Valentinia Filatova, a plump 70-year-old with an expansive smile. She said she remembered the havoc World War II wrought on her country. She said all Westerners — "French, Americans, Germans" — want peace. But she said their leaders do not.

Foreign reporters asked Mrs. Filatova how often such peace meetings were held in Donetsk. The question went unanswered until an unidentified man at her shoulder whispered "Often, often."

"Often, often," she then replied. (AP)

Nakasone's fall from grace

By James Foley

TOKYO —

Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone marks his 100th day in office Saturday amid growing public disenchantment over his plans for a remilitarized Japan.

"The honeymoon is over" is the watchword as the straight-talking Nakasone, despite plummeting popularity polls and soaring press criticism, makes almost daily announcements on defense policy. Recent public opinion surveys have shown that many Japanese do not support Nakasone and his cabinet.

Nakasone, who took office last Nov. 26, is popular with the Americans as he is more amenable than his predecessors to U.S. pressure for an increase in Japan's defenses. He is also relatively popular in Western Europe after agreeing with the European Community that Japan should restrict its industrial exports to the community. But what makes him popular abroad erodes his popularity at home, where he faces local elections and elections for a new upper house of parliament later this year.

Political analysts, including officials of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), expect him to modify his views over the next weeks and direct attention to domestic policies. They expect party

leaders, including Nakasone's principal backer, former Premier Kakuei Tanaka, to tell Nakasone to tone down his remarks on defense in the runup to the elections.

Nakasone's fall from grace began in Washington when he said he wanted to make Japan an unsinkable aircraft carrier and to construct a barrier to prevent Siberian-based Soviet bombers from reaching the open Pacific. After announcing a switch in long-standing official policy by agreeing to give military technology to the U.S., he said that Japan in an emergency would block the straits between the Japanese islands to prevent Soviet warships from reaching the Pacific from the Sea of Japan where they are based.

He also said the Japanese navy would assist U.S. warships trying to reach Japan in an emergency and intimated that he was set to ignore the one percent of gross national product ceiling on defense spending, a staple of Japanese policy for years.

Then he emphasized he believed that changes should be made in the Japanese constitution, which prohibits the use of force or even the establishment of armed forces, although this has been interpreted to mean that Japan still can defend itself. All this in three months has come as a shock to the Japanese who still have an aversion to the military in view of the disaster brought by World War II. (R)

Indonesia fighting losing battle for E. Timor

JAKARTA —

Indonesian soldiers seem to be fighting a losing battle for the former Portuguese colony of East Timor.

Since they were brought in to crush rebels over seven years ago, they have made little headway. If anything, the rebels have won increasing support for their guerrilla tactics among the island's population of 551,000. The four thousand or so soldiers have been unable to deal with the "Fretilin", who come down from their mountain hideouts to organize ambushes with the tacit complicity of local inhabitants.

In an interview with the daily *Sinar Harapan*, the island's military commander Col. Purwanto put their number at around 500, with about 100 guns between them. Many rebel sympathizers who were interned on the nearby island of Atauro have recently been repatriated by the authorities, but there are still a further 3,300, many of them women and children, who are in detention on Atauro, sources here say.

There are at least a dozen other detention camps, including part of the prison in the capital, Dili, where the number of prisoners is not known.

The hundreds who have been freed from Atauro are still being kept under close surveillance by the army in villages ill-equipped to receive them, and are not allowed to travel more than five kilometers without permission.

Portugal has not put any obstacles in the way of repatriation for those who hold Portuguese passports or have strong links with the old country, but Jakarta has held up the process on the pretext of "technical" problems. A diplomat here said the authorities were afraid emigrants might make statements "harmful to Indonesia."

About 400 persons have asked to emigrate to Portugal, where at least 60 have relatives. Another 200 would like to go to Australia. Many who find their applications blocked by the authorities buy their way out. Over the past five years, at least 100 persons have left, more or less with official approval, by dint of bribes ranging from \$1,500 to

\$7,500. Passports and travel documents are thriving business on the black market.

Meanwhile, material conditions on East Timor could be worse. There is no famine, despite the dry climate, although there are frequent shortages of rice and maize, according to an agricultural expert who recently visited the island.

But the population is resisting. "Javanization". Most people are Roman Catholic and avoid contact with the soldiers and Javaneese officials who are Muslim. Ninety percent of the 150 million Indonesians are Muslim, whereas half the population of East Timor is Roman Catholic and the other half practice animism.

Several thousand people a month are being converted to Catholicism, which would appear to be their way of rejecting integration with Indonesia. The Indonesian government has poured vast sums of money into the region. The allocation for 1982-83 was \$74 million while the region's income is only \$210,000. (AFP)

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Saturday, March 5, the 64th day of 1983. There are 301 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1496 — England's King Henry VII commissions John and Sebastian Cabot to discover new lands.

1766 — Spanish take possession of New Orleans in America from France.

1794 — Partisans of Jacques Hebert are executed in France: Polish uprising under T.A. Kosciuszko begins.

1796 — Revolts are crushed in Vendee and Brittany in France.

1867 — Abortive Fenian uprising starts in Ireland.

1933 — Adolf Hitler and his Nazi Party win greatest number of seats in German election.

1960 — President Sukarno suspends Indonesian parliament.

1966 — British airliner hits Japan's Mount Fuji, killing all 124 persons aboard.

1970 — Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty goes into effect after 43 nations have deposited instruments of ratification.

1974 — Ethiopia's Emperor Haile Selassie, confronted by continued unrest, agrees to constitutional convention to create new system of elected democratic government.

1975 — Arab commandos land on beach at Tel Aviv in Israel, shoot their way into hotel and hold about 40 guests and employees as hostage.

Thought for today:

We are inclined to believe those we do not know, because they never have deceived us — Samuel Johnson, English writer (1709-1784).

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Laid cornerstone for historical research in the Kingdom

Abdul Quddus Ansari's relentless quest for knowledge

By Abu Tariq Hijazi

JEDDAH — A poet, author, historian, research scholar and a pioneer in literary field — Abdul Quddus Ansari is all these and much more. A man who by his range of learning and breadth of vision has left an influence which has penetrated far into intellectual life and deep into the historical scholarship of Saudi Arabia. Coming as it does from a writer with a facile pen and acute eye, each book written by him has been a prelude to an even grander one.

Allama Ansari who is also the chief editor of *Al-Manhal*, the Kingdom's oldest journal appearing since 1355, comes from the Ansaris of Madinah. His father was a learned scholar and poet and taught Islamic sciences at Masjid Nabawi at Madinah.



Abdul Quddus Ansari

Besides Arabic, Allama Ansari also studied Urdu. He began his literary career with an Islamic short story "Al Tawaman" ("twins") published in 1349 AH. It was the first short story published in Saudi Arabia. He started *Al-Manhal*, a literary magazine, from Madinah in 1355. Literary life was not so comfortable at that time. He was the contributing editor, proofreader and even the distributor to his few clients. However, he carried on his mission with undaunted courage. The *Manhal* introduced scholars such as Muhammad Saeed Al Amori, Sayyed Hasan Abdullah al-Qarashi, Taher Zamakhshari and Fuad Shaker who are all men of repute today. For the past 50 years, Allama Ansari has been the driving force behind *Manhal*.

Every book of Allama Ansari is a valuable piece of history and his *History of Jeddah* running to 970 pages, published in 1963, was described by the late King Faisal "as the first publication of its kind. It is a real service to the country and rare contribution to history." Allama Ansari's most valuable book is *Monuments of Madinah Musawwarah*. Though dozens of books have been written on the subject, Allama Ansari's is the most authentic. He collects his information from old references and locates the actual sites in present topography. He gives us the exact location of the house of Abu Bakr, Usman bin Affan, Khalid bin Walid and Marwan bin Hakam.

He has also given elaborate descriptions of mosques, palaces, castles, mountains, wells, valleys and other historical sites. He also discovered and deciphered a rock inscription found on Jabal Sala dating back to the period of 1st Caliphate.

The fame of *Monuments of Madinah* prompted Allama Ansari to explore the archaeology of the whole Arabian peninsula. He conducted many tours to historic sites and compiled his renowned book *Bain Tarikh Val Aathar*. (The history and monuments of the Arab homeland). It gives authentic details of Makkah, Madinah, Dariya, Jeddah, Taif, Aser and Madayan Saleh in the Kingdom. Allama Ansari's book may be termed the first detailed Arabic work on monuments in the

Arabian peninsula.

Allama Ansari's deep and erudite knowledge of the vast Arab land has been well established through his scholarly works of high repute. But *Bana Sulaim* revealed a different facet of his scholastic personality. He selected and discovered an Adnani tribe living 140 kms from Makkah and recorded the whole history of the tribe from the advent of Islam to the present day. *Bana Sulaim* is regarded as a masterly case study of the socio-political history of the tribe. Further, his findings of the Ranaa Valley, Jabal Aar and Suwaidra Valley are a rare contribution to the history of the Arabian peninsula.

Allama Ansari was also the first scholar who collected, studied and compiled vital information on the water resources of the Kingdom which he presents in his book *History of Azizia Water System*. More than 20 books after Allama's zeal for research remains unexhausted. His latest book is entitled *History of Kaaba al Musharafa*. Besides, he continues to write in depth on every subject for *Manhal*.

Recently, the title index of *Manhal* from 1935 to 1402 was compiled by Professor Abdullah Al Qahtani of King Saud University, Riyadh. It is being published by Tihama which is promoting literary activities in the Kingdom. Tihama is also planning to reprint the whole file of *Manhal* from 1335 AH.

This 77-year-old veteran (he was born in 1324 AH) has witnessed most of the events of the past few decades. He has a retentive memory. In fact, he is a living volume of history and a moving encyclopedia of Saudi Arabia. He is quite active and energetic. He attends Royal functions and advises the authorities on Islamic and literary affairs. He attends the *Manhal* office regularly and is assisted by his son Nabih as chief editor.

Allama Ansari has also served as Director of Financial Affairs, Director of Regulation and Projects, Director of Statistical Department, Chairman of Medical Terminology Unification Board, member of First Saudi Men of Letters Conference and member of Okaz literary festival conference at Riyadh.

Allama Ansari was awarded a gold medal in recognition of his pioneering work in literary field by King Abdul Aziz University, Jeddah, in 1974. He is also member of Majma al Ilmi Baghdad. His works have been translated into several foreign languages. The English translation of the History of Azizia Water System was published in 1972. *Monuments of Madinah* has been translated into Indonesian and French. An Urdu translation is soon to hit the bookstands in Pakistan.

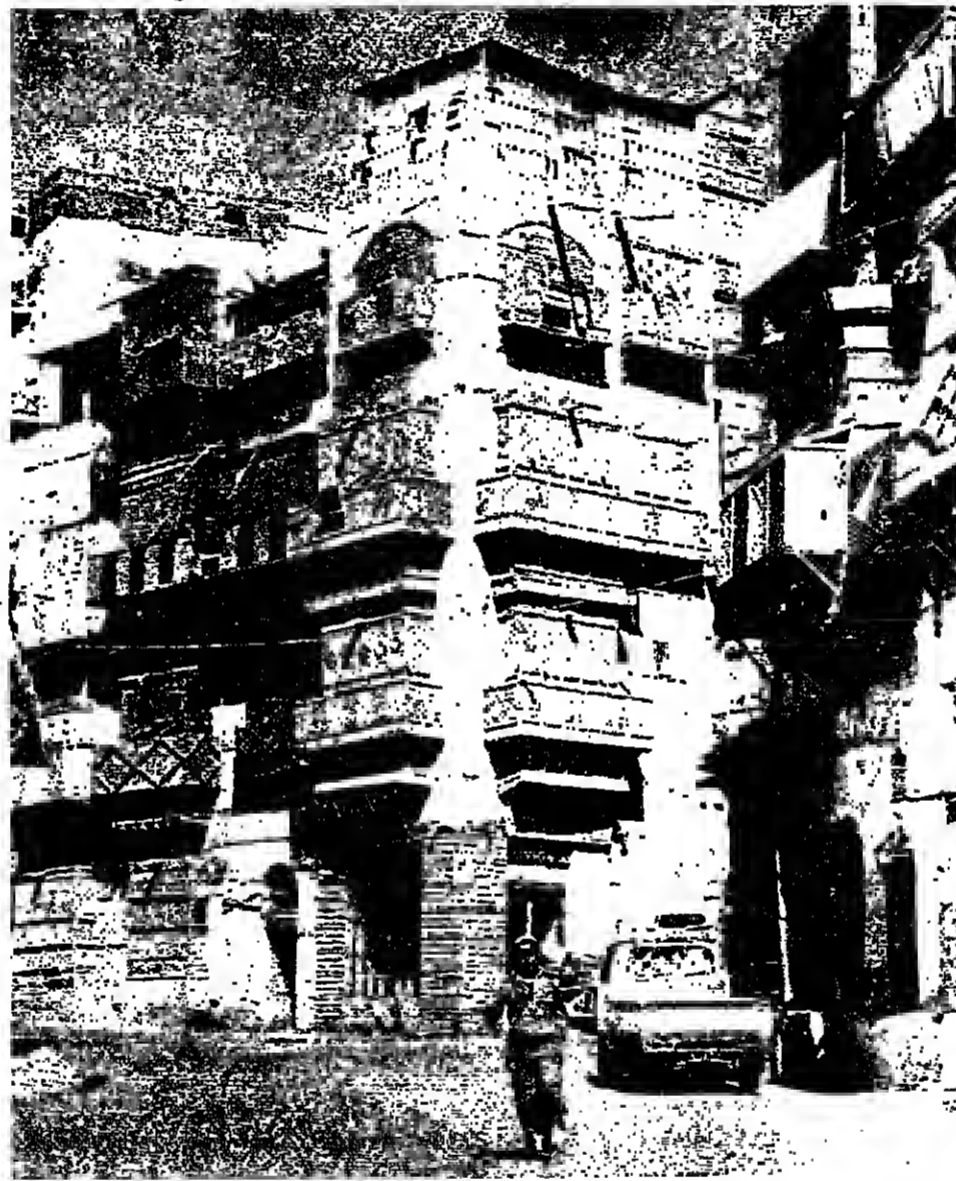
In 1974 Dr. Vincenzo Satrio wrote an analytical article in Italian after a thorough study of the printed works of Allama Ansari and published it in Rome. He admired the great contribution of Allama Ansari to the history of Arabian peninsula.

After resigning the government job Allama is giving full time attention to social literary and cultural development of the Kingdom.

Allama Ansari has done everything a man can do to promote literature and research in Arabic. Now it is for the younger generation to carry forward along the path cleared and illuminated by him. Is it not also time something is done to preserve his writings and other contributions? For example one of the many universities in the Kingdom can take up a project to issue a commemorative volume in his honor with contributions from eminent Arabic writers. Publication of all his works in a collected volume and the setting up of an academy in his name for historical and literary research at the Jeddah University may also be considered. Over and above everything else Allama Ansari is a staunch Muslim and a true Islamic spirit permeates everything what he writes. If he has any message to convey that it is this: Islam is the only way of life and only Islam can solve the problems of the world.



OLD JEDDAH: This unique photograph recaptures the life in the commercial heart of old Jeddah in the 1920s. Below, left: Small traditional houses of two, three and four stories, built of coral limestone faced with lime stucco and either whitewashed or painted in pastel shades, form the major part of Jeddah's unique heritage of buildings of architectural and historic significance. Right: This is the building which once housed the Russian Legation.



Archaeologists strive to rescue London's past

By Alister Doyle

LONDON (R) — In a deep muddy hole at Billings Gate by the north bank of London's River Thames, archaeologists last year dug up a 2,000-year record of the city's past, including a third century Roman wharf.

But at the beginning of February, eight months later, history moved out and the developers of a \$31 million office complex moved in. "The deposits we have looked at simply end up in the back of trucks being tipped away in the marshes or filling up some quarry out in the wilds," said Brian Hobbey, chief urban archaeologist at the Museum of London.

The story illustrates the struggle of London's archaeologists to rescue what they can before almost all trace of the ancient city is gouged out to make way for multistoried car parks and concrete tower blocks. Within 20 years, the imperial Roman city of Londinium, now buried in some six meters of rubbish under the capital's financial district, will be all but wiped out, said Hobbey.

Devastating fires which swept through London in 60 A.D. and 1666 posed less of a threat to understanding the city's past than did new development, he said. Ever taller office blocks need ever deeper foundations, and these are obliterating the 2,000-year archive of the city's past buried below. When developers arrived, it meant total destruction, Hobbey said. "They simply start with a large trench, pour in concrete and have multistoried car parks below ground level. Nothing survives." New buildings used to be built on the ruins of old ones, always leaving fragments from which archaeologists could piece together the city's history. But tower blocks will have erased all but a tenth of Londinium by the year 2000.

What is left then, said Hobbey, "should be fairly safe, under roads, in churchyards, and so on." With redevelopment quickening in the bustling streets above the imperial city, and with huge gaps in London's history, the

museum of London's team of archaeologists was set up in 1973.

Founded as a port to exploit Britain after the Roman invasion of 43 A.D., "London was something like a wild west town in its early days," Hobbey said. But it grew to equal any city outside Rome and its architecture on an imperial scale. But no one yet knows what happened to the city for 300 years in the Dark Ages after the collapse of the Roman Empire.

Londinium may have fallen into decline, with only squatters living in its crumbling ruins, until it re-emerged as the Saxon town of Lundenwic, Hobbey said.

Huge pressures on space in the capital's financial district made it unrealistic to try to preserve chunks of the city's past there, said John Wilkes, professor of Roman archaeology at London's Institute of Archaeology. Office space is the most expensive in the country and prices are soaring.

But the historians are armed with the Archaeological Areas Act of 1979, which guarantees them access to important sites even if developers do not want them there.

As a result, "if a Roman house turned up just round the corner from the Bank of England, with mosaics, paintings and sculptures, these would be lifted and put on public display," Professor Wilkes said.

But Hobbey admitted that not everything could be saved. "To fight for every square meter may put at risk many, many sites," he said. "One can't frustrate the need for urban renewal. It would be tactically stupid of us to do that." In fact, relations with developers in the capital are good. Hobbey noted that in 10 years the Museum of London had never been denied access to a site, and its diggers usually got about six months for their work between demolition and redevelopment. Developers had even agreed two or three times to preserve remains of Londinium in their basements, and often paid the archaeologists' full costs, he said.

Turkish ardor for Kemalism frightens academics

By Kenneth Mackenzie

ANKARA (LOS) — The sacking of 30 leading Turkish academics has provoked criticism from quarters hitherto solidly behind the country's two-year-old military regime.

The purge of the professors may have far-reaching effects on the whole educational system. Morale among university staffs has slumped to a dangerously low level as a result. Several eminent academics have already resigned while many others are looking for jobs abroad or outside education.

The sacked professors have no right of appeal, and are barred from re-employment by the state. In addition, all those who had not completed 25 years of service as university teachers have lost their pensions. These considerations are prompting younger men to get out of teaching now — voluntarily — to

avoid incurring such disabilities in perhaps six months' time, if the present purge continues.

The rationale of the military is simple: the ruling generals, who are pledged to hand over power to a civilian regime in the autumn, aim in the intervening months to establish Kemalism — the teachings of Kemal Ataturk, the founder of modern Turkey — as the only acceptable creed in the universities.

Kemalism enshrines Westernization and the concept of the secular state — and much else that most Western thinkers have applauded over the last 50 years. Now it is being inculcated relentlessly, almost round the clock, into the minds of Turkish youth, both as a panacea for the country's social and economic ills and as a prophylactic against the diseases of Marxism, fascism and other extreme ideologies.

As the generals see things, those teachers who do not subscribe wholeheartedly to Kemalism must be removed. That means eliminating leftists, many of whom regard Ataturk's teachings as outmoded.

The exact political allegiance of the 30 sacked professors is a subject of raging dispute. Nearly all claim to be social democrats, but this is derided by many who worked closely with them. Several are known to have been identified Marxists, and to have worked ardently to win over students to the Marxist ideology.

The most controversial of the group, Professor Mete Tunçay, accepted invitations to engage in academic work in the Soviet Union and Bulgaria, which has been interpreted by the military as evidence of his Marxist loyalties. He describes himself as an intellectual

who has been influenced by Marxist doctrine, but who is "essentially a social democrat."

Even if the generals' suspicions are well-founded, the legal and moral issues remain. Is the summary dismissal of many of the country's leading left-wing professors the right way to counter Marxism?

Many independent observers fear the army's draconian methods will prove counterproductive, that the sacked professors will become martyrs within the academic community, and that underground Marxist cells will re-emerge both within the teaching staffs and on the campuses.

If that happens, universities will again be ravaged by the ideological strife which made them centers of mayhem rather than of learning in the turbulent 1970s — the very thing the generals want to avoid.

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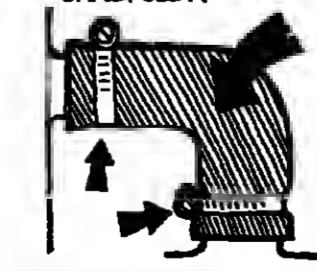
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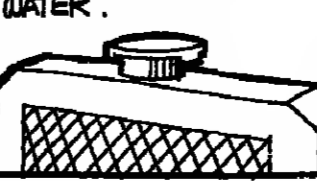
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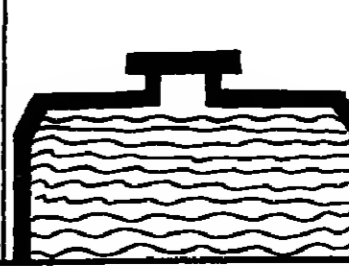
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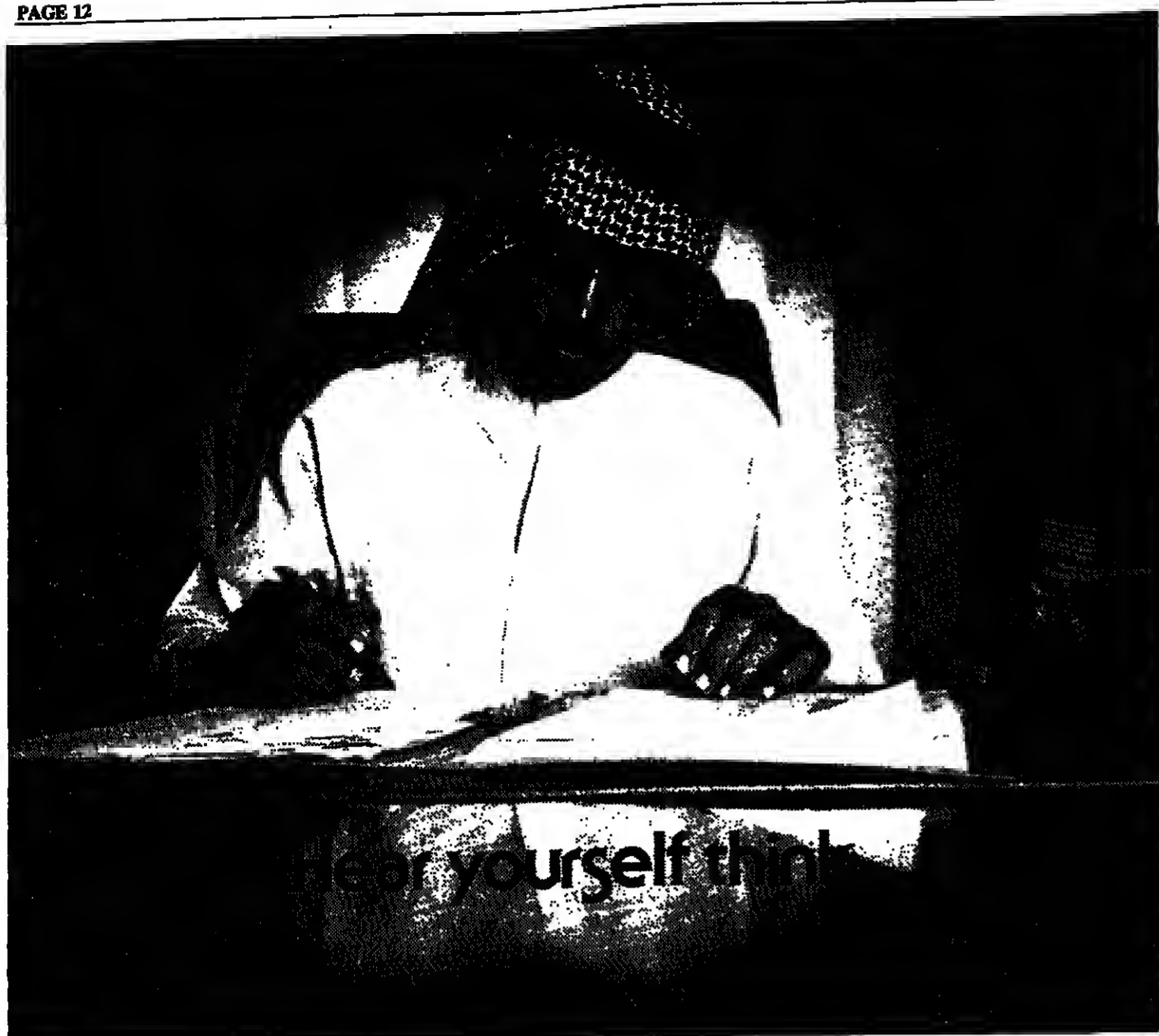


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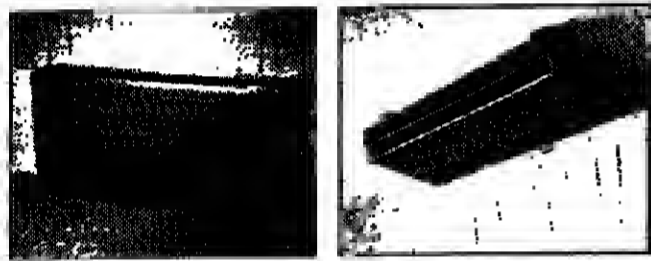


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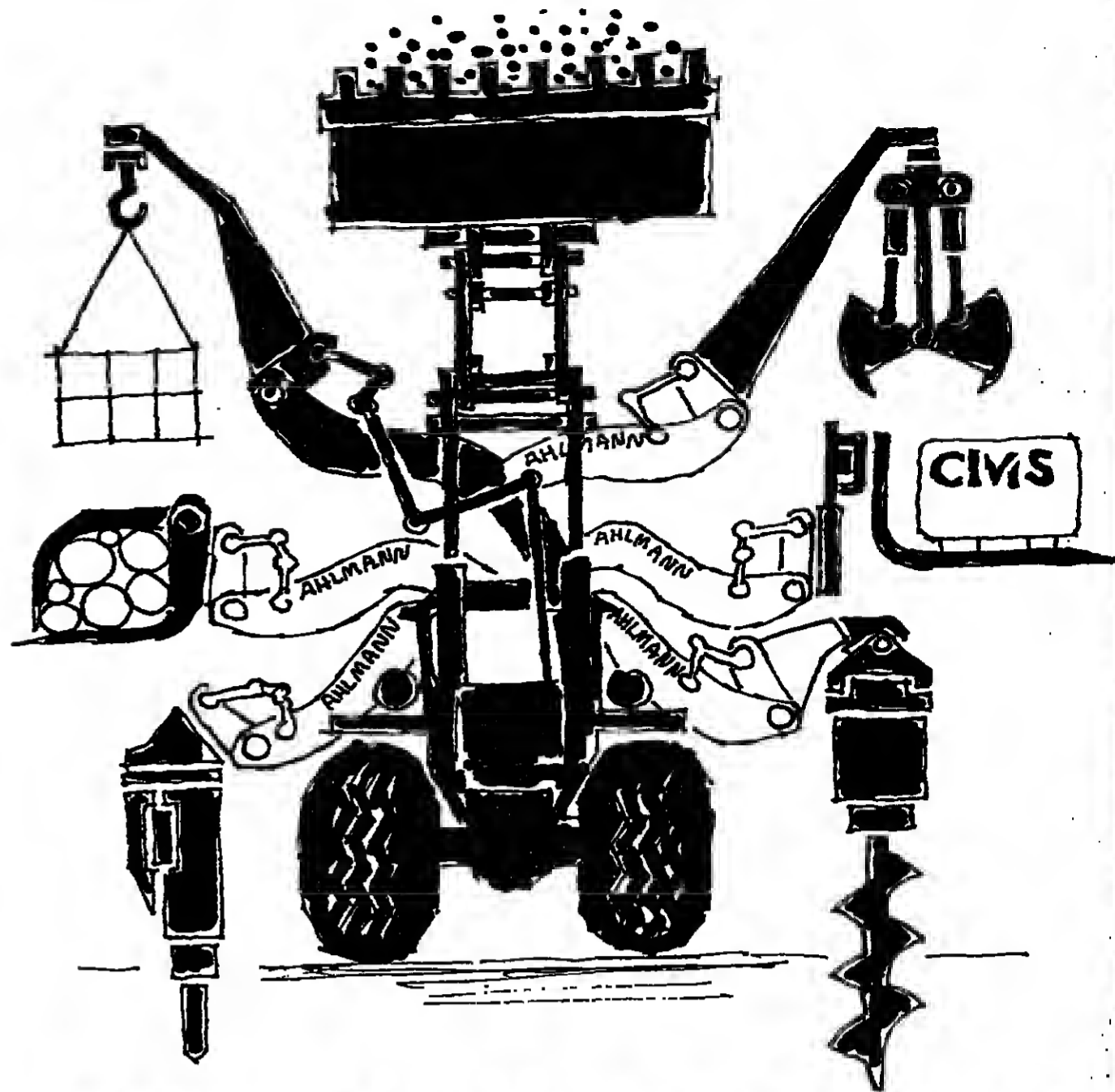
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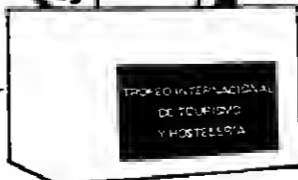
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IMF to tighten rein on state borrowings

WASHINGTON, March 4 (R) — The International Monetary Fund (IMF) is tightening its surveillance of countries' borrowing activities because of serious global debt problems, the fund's managing director, Jacques de Larosiere, said Thursday.

He said the international lending agency

WB trims loan fees

WASHINGTON, March 4 (R) — The World Bank has reduced the fees it charges Third World countries for loans because of record earnings.

It was the second time in the past three months that the bank has reduced some of the costs associated with its economic assistance. Under the decision, countries borrowing from the bank would be charged 0.25 of one percent as a front-end fee rather than the prior 0.75 percent. The fee is a one-time charge due at the time of a loan commitment by the bank. At the borrowers option, the fee can be capitalized and added to the loan amount.

The bank earned a record \$448 million during the six months ending last Dec. 31.

would henceforth issue explicit warnings to countries of their developing debt problems. "Recent events have shown that it is desirable for the fund to issue more explicit warnings where external financing problems seem likely to emerge," he said.

De Larosiere spoke at the University of Neuchâtel in Switzerland, but his remarks were also made available here. He said the IMF had always monitored national debt levels, but that a staggering growth of borrowing by such countries as Mexico, Brazil and Argentina had occurred so quickly that new procedures had to be developed.

Last December, the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) estimated the outstanding debt of the world's developing countries at more than \$600 billion. It estimated Brazil's debts at \$87 billion, Mexico's at \$85 billion and Argentina's at \$38 billion.

De Larosiere said, however, that while there were major problems, it would be wrong to characterize the current situation as a global debt crisis. "The current liquidity problems can be resolved provided sound and well-coordinated financing arrangements are put in place, and well-conceived adjustment policies are implemented," he said.

Banks lend Mexico \$5 billion

NEW YORK, March 4 (AP) — Financially-embattled Mexico Thursday received a \$5 billion loan from a consortium of 530 American, Canadian, European and Japanese banks.

Mexico's finance secretary, Jesus Silva Herzog, signed the documents for the loan Thursday in New York with representatives of the commercial banks. The consortium is headed by the large U.S. banks, Citibank and Bank of America. Silva Herzog called the loan the biggest ever in the history of Mexico, which has a foreign debt of \$77 billion. He said the loan represents "more than anything else, an expression of confidence in Mexico and its economic recovery program given by the international financial community."

The six-year loan comes with a three-year grace period, the announcement said. The first portion of the loan, \$1.7 billion, will be available to Mexico in mid-March. The rest will be made available in three installments through the end of 1983. The loan carries an interest rate of 2.25 percent over the London interbank rate (libor) or 2 and one-eighth percent over the U.S. rate. Participating in the loan are all the banks to which Mexico owes money, said William Rhodes, Citibank vice president.

In Tokyo, Mexican Foreign Minister Bernardo Sepulveda Amor said Friday that Mexico's debt-burdened economy will not suffer a "traumatic" blow if the benchmark price of crude oil drops by around \$4 a barrel.

Sepulveda, speaking at a luncheon at the Foreign Correspondents Club of Japan, thanked Japan for cooperation as Mexico tries to manage its massive debt obligations and said Mexico would maintain dialogue with oil importing nations like Japan in efforts to stabilize world oil prices, the officials said. Japan buys 160,000 barrels of oil a day from Mexico.

Stock prices zoom

NEW YORK, March 4 (R) — Stock prices closed at a new high for the third day in a row as the market reflected Wall Street's euphoria over recent economic news.

The Dow Jones industrial average climbed steadily most of the day and was up 10.06 on Thursday afternoon. Profit-taking hit the blue chips in the last two hours of trading, but the average still managed to finish with a gain of three points for a record closing high of 1,138.06. The gains were recorded across the board, with advancing issues totalling more than 1,141 compared with only 483 declines.

Romania emerges out of woods on fiscal front

BUCHAREST, March 4 (R) — Romania, which a year ago seemed to be heading for a Polish-style debt crisis, now appears to have overcome its financial problems, according to Western diplomats in Bucharest.

Supplies to the home market have improved, but though Romanians can loosen their belts a few notches, they face continued austerity for some time, the diplomats believe. They question whether Romania's economy can ever run at full efficiency under the country's strictly centralized political system, despite efforts over the past year to cut energy consumption and boost productivity. "They seem to be out of woods on the financial side," one diplomat said.

Stelian Marin, a director in the Finance Ministry, told Reuters in an interview this week that Romania would not seek to delay any debt payments to Western banks and governments next year, as it had to do this year and last. Early in 1982, Bucharest had a Western debt burden of nearly \$11 billion and stopped payments for imports, while Romanians faced the worst food shortages since World War II.

But the debt problem was largely because the bulk of repayments were bunched in the early 1980s. This was aggravated by rising interest rates, and Western banks' nervousness about Eastern Europe in view of the Polish debt crisis. Negotiations with banks last year to delay payment of \$2.3 billion owed in 1981 and 1982 were tough but talks this year have gone speedily, building on last year's experience.

Romania hopes by mid-May for a formal agreement with banks delaying payment of \$600 million owed this year, and will soon start talks with Western governments on delaying payment of some \$150 million, Marin said. Repayments will be easier in future as the amount due declines. Interest rates are falling, and bankers' concern has moved from East Europe to Latin America.

The trade surpluses needed to pay off the debts have been achieved by cutting imports rather than boosting exports. Official figures show that hard-currency imports slumped to \$4.7 billion in 1982 from \$7 billion in 1981, while exports fell to \$6.2 billion from \$7.2 billion.

The import squeeze as well as poor distribution and a farming system offering few incentives caused food shortages in a country with some of Europe's richest farmland. But a good harvest last year, with a record grain crop of more than 22 million tons, has improved matters. Western diplomats said feared shortages had not materialized this winter, with apples, eggs and lettuce in good supply, but meat and some dairy products remained scarce.

Everyone has enough to eat, according to Romanian officials. One state planning committee official said Romanians consumed more than 3,400 calories per head daily, one of the top 10 levels in the world, and ate 62 kilos (136 lbs) of meat a year. But diplomats said the high-calorie figure reflected the ready availability of sticky cakes, ice-cream and bread, and did not mean a healthy diet.

The government cut the population's consumption for the first time last year, but it hopes to ease austerity from 1984, Marin said. Industry also has to make do with less, with cuts in energy, raw materials and investment, he said.

Romania has adopted a policy of countertrade, under which it will import goods only if the seller will take Romanian goods in exchange, officials say. It still pays cash for raw materials and manufactured goods urgently needed for industry. For instance Renault, the French car firm, is being paid for the Dacia car plant it set up in Romania with car components manufactured there, officials said. They denied these strict import limits would make industry uncompetitive, saying Romania had invested heavily in modern equipment in recent years and hoped to meet most of its machine tool requirements from its own factories.

Romania's export efforts could suffer later this year from a political quarrel with the United States, one of its biggest Western trading partners. Under a new law, would-be emigrants from Romania must pay back the cost of their education in hard currency, which can be thousands of dollars. Bucharest says this will ease the effects of a brain-drain to the West, but Washington has said it infringes human rights, making Romania ineligible for Most Favored Nation (MFN) status in its U.S. trade.

Oil fall throws a spanner in Thai energy plan

BANGKOK, March 4 (R) — Thailand's drive for self-sufficiency in energy is being slowed by falling oil prices and unexpected hitches.

Plans to exploit the country's natural resources have been delayed as the government assesses the prospect of spending \$4.3 billion on producing energy which might turn out to be cheaper to import in the long run. The government's 1981-86 five-year plan envisages cutting dependence on oil imports to 45 percent from 76 percent and the construction of a petrochemical industry on the eastern seaboard using by-products of the gas.

But oversupply and reduced demand have brought down the price of oil, making the idea of producing liquefied petroleum gas at around \$350 a ton unattractive when compared with a current world price of about \$260. Industry sources say the five-year plan will proceed once an eventual rise in the price of oil makes it feasible, but did not predict when. Many observers feel Thailand is lucky not to have fully committed itself yet.

"If they had gone ahead earlier, they might have found themselves with a massive white elephant on their hands," said one. "At least they still have the option of postponing the program." The first stage of the petrochemical project, a \$320 million gas separation plant, has already begun and is set for completion in 1985. It will break down 350 million cubic feet of gas a day into ethane, propane and liquefied petroleum gas, but allied projects, such as a fertilizer complex due for completion by 1987, are stalled for the moment.

The Petroleum Authority of Thailand (PTT) will not commit itself to completion dates for derivative projects, saying only that no decision has yet been taken on whether to proceed. Offshore gas is the basis of Thailand's hopes for self-sufficiency in energy. It was first discovered in the early 1970s, and so far nearly 100 wells have been drilled, finding 10 fields bearing gas and condensate.

But doubts have arisen over the amount and accessibility of gas in the Erawan field, the only one currently on stream, operated by the Union Oil Company of California. Union says the gas is inconveniently scattered around the area in pockets and that the field holds only 500 billion cubic feet of gas compared with an original government estimate of around three times that amount. The company has cut its supply from the field to about 120 million cubic feet a day from the agreed 250 million, and the government is penalizing the shortfall by paying only 80 percent of the agreed price.

But the problems at Erawan are thought unlikely to have a major impact on long-term plans, as the field is only one of seven large deposits discovered so far, which between them contain vast reserves. The deputy governor of PTT, Pratin Pathanoporn, told a recent energy conference that the shortfall at Erawan was the result of a technical problem which would affect only short-term plans on Thailand's eastern seaboard.

If oil prices do rise, Thailand's self-sufficiency program will save it around a billion dollars a year in energy costs. Total energy demand in Thailand grew steadily between 1978 and 1981 at a rate of 7.6 percent a year, according to PTT figures, reaching the equivalent of 300,000 barrels of crude oil a day in 1981.

Delors predicts economic upswing

PARIS, March 4 (AFP) — French Economy Minister Jacques Delors gave details of an optimistic economic forecast in response to publication of a memorandum which envisaged two devaluations against the mark and an "insupportable" increase in the external debt.

The leaked memorandum, prepared by a senior official in the Economy Ministry, was published Wednesday by the investigative and satirical weekly paper the *Canard Enchaîné*. The report came just four days before important municipal elections which will be the first electoral test of the

EEC links future aid to political ties

BONN, March 4 (R) — European Community development aid ministers have agreed that political cooperation with the developing countries should be a determining factor in future aid projects to those countries.

West German Economic Cooperation Minister Juergen Warnke told a news conference that ministers of the 18-nation community meeting in Bonn wanted a commonly agreed strategy to help Third World countries.

He said under the strategy aid would be directed at states prepared to discuss political cooperation and to take their own measures to increase the effectiveness of the help given.

"We would like to see a genuine partnership with the developing countries," he said. "Aid is not just a question of sending money. Partnership has two sides."

Warnke said the idea was discussed in the context of forthcoming negotiations between the community and 63 African, Caribbean and Pacific states over a third Lome convention.

The community is drawing up its position before negotiations start this autumn on a new convention governing trade relations, which is expected to come into force in 1985. Warnke said the ministers had also agreed that steps should be taken to help developing countries become self-sufficient in food production.

He said community food surpluses should still be used as aid in emergencies but long-term results could only be achieved by Third World countries developing their own production.

The West German minister said a \$5 fall in oil prices would bring positive benefits to the developing countries, which would save about eight to \$10 billion a year.

But he said the ministers agreed that the drop in prices endangered the restructuring plans of oil-exporting developing countries. This showed long-term development was best secured by stable cooperation with industrial countries, he said.

Socialist-Communist administration since it won power some 18 months ago.

The ministry immediately responded by describing the 30-page report, dated Jan. 25, as one of several outline forecasts. It was an ordinary working hypothesis to help the minister who preferred to work on pessimistic scenarios, and it was not an official directive.

Delors went further Thursday, stressing that the leaked report was based on an assumption that a weaker dollar and weaker oil prices could not be taken definitely for granted.

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Reagan rejects protectionism

SAN FRANCISCO, March 4 (AP) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan is rejecting trade protectionism, saying American businesses hit by the recession instead should try to "outsell the pants off" foreign competitors.

"We and our trading partners are in the same boat," the president said in remarks prepared for delivery Friday to a Commonwealth Club luncheon and released in advance. The club is a public affairs forum.

"If one partner shoots a hole in the boat, does it make sense for the other partner to shoot another hole in the boat? There are those who say yes, and call it getting tough. I call it getting wet — all over."

Criminal action against Rumasa officials likely

MADRID, March 4 (R) — The Spanish government Friday appointed two special prosecutors to study possible criminal action against former management officials of Rumasa, the giant holding company taken over by the state last week.

Attorney General Luis Bureo said the two prosecutors, Fernando Jimenez de la Blanca and Julian Hernandez, would report back to his office after making a preliminary study. The Socialist government issued a decree Feb. 24 expropriating about 240 Rumasa companies, including 18 banks, out of a total of about 300 in the group.

Summit's economic resolutions stress demands of Third World

NEW DELHI, March 4 (R) — Third World demands for comprehensive finance, trade and aid talks with industrial nations shaped up Friday as the main theme of economic resolutions for next week's nonaligned summit in New Delhi.

Baogladesh, head of the "Group of 77" developing countries at the United Nations, deplored what it called a long silence from richer countries on the group's appeals for global economic negotiations at the U.N. Baogladesh delegate Farooq Sohba Thursday accused the seven major Western industrial states of failing to respond to Third World proposals to tackle "a global crisis demanding global solutions." "Unless we do something bold and statesmanlike, the entire international community is heading for a major cataclysm, a catastrophe without parallel," he added.

His words were expected to be reflected in strong resolutions on economic issues at the summit, grouping heads of state and government from nearly 100 developing

In particular, Reagan decried legislation pending in Congress that would force automobile manufacturers to use a certain percentage of U.S. parts and labor in cars sold in the United States. But he made it clear that he believes there is a difference between "positive support of legitimate American interests and rights in world trade and the negative actions of protectionists."

"Free trade can survive only if all parties play by the same rules. We are determined to ensure equity in our markets. Defending workers and industries from unfair and predatory foreign competition is not protectionism, it's just plain common sense." However, he did not specify exactly what he was referring to.

Addressing the high U.S. unemployment rate, Reagan said, "one of the best jobs programs we can have is a great national drive to expand exports and that's part of our program." Exports would also put a dent in the soaring budget deficits, he said. He said 90 percent of American manufacturers don't export at all, even though "tens of thousands of U.S. producers offer products and services which can be competitive abroad. Many of these are small and medium-sized firms."

Noting the great "hue and cry for us to bend to protectionist pressures," Reagan said he's been around long enough to remember that similar pressures caused world trade to fall drastically and contributed to the Great Depression. Instead, he called for plugging "the holes in the boat of open markets and free trade and set sail again in the direction of prosperity."

Reagan said more companies will begin to export "when they realize this government is no longer an adversary, it's your partner ... For too long, the president told the 14,000-member forum "the government has treated the entrepreneurs more as an enemy than as an ally. Our administration has a better idea. We will give you less bureaucracy if you give America your audacity. We want you to out-plan, out-produce, and outsell the pants off this nation's competitors," he said.

With increasing tension among the United States' trading partners in the wake of a worldwide recession, Reagan's remarks were designed to help thwart a push for protectionist legislation aimed at sheltering domestic industries from foreign competition. Denouncing those who "seek refuge in the rusty armor of a failed protectionist past," Reagan said the world "hungers for leadership and growth and ... America can provide it."

OECD parley on export credit ends

PARIS, March 4 (AP) — Major Western industrialized countries Thursday ended the first round of multilateral talks aimed at revising the international export credit agreement.

Officials stressed that the three-day conference at the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) was not designed to reach any decisions on possible changes in the so-called export credit "consensus." Officials said the preliminary discussions at the OECD allowed governments to exchange views in an effort to prepare an agenda for more formal talks at the end of April. The current accord on export credits expires in May.

The agreement sets minimum interest rates on credits that member countries use to increase exports. They currently range from 10 percent for the poorest nations to 12.4 percent for wealthy countries. Last year, negotiations nearly collapsed as European countries resisted Reagan administration efforts to win a steep increase in rates. Eventually, a compromise was reached after officials hinted at three-cornered credit war between the United States, European Common Market countries and Japan.

Talks may prove equally difficult this year. The United States wants to shrink the subsidy element in officially-backed export credits and is seeking a more flexible system to bring terms closer in line with market interest rates. Japan is also seeking a system based on market factors to reflect its relatively low interest rates. Tokyo says it wants to abolish the premium that the current agreement requires it to charge on interest rates for export credits.

Common Market countries, meanwhile, are seeking to ease interest charges to reflect easier commercial rates over the past year.

Dollar falls against pound

LONDON, March 4 (AP) — The U.S. dollar was mixed against major foreign currencies in thin trading early Friday. Gold bullion prices drifted lower.

Currency dealers said European investors were staying to the sidelines before Sunday's West Germany elections, which Chancellor Helmut Kohl's pro-business Christian Democrats are expected to win. In the bullion markets, traders said lack of early agreement among oil ministers meeting in London in an effort to prevent a free-for-all in world oil prices had a bearish influence on gold.

The dollar started the day little changed in Tokyo. It closed at 236.60 yen, up marginally from Thursday's 236.35 and 1.25 higher than last Friday's 235.35. Later in London, the dollar edged down in relation to the British pound, with sterling at \$1.5135, compared with 1.5128 late Thursday.

Other morning dollar rates compared with late Thursday included:

2.4210 West German marks, up from 2.4195	
2.0527 Swiss francs, up from 2.0520	
6.8635 French francs, down from 6.8688	
2.6690 Dutch guilders, down from 2.6705	
1.404.85 Italian lire, up from 1.401.45	
1.22225 Canadian dollars, down from 1.2220	

The following are the closing gold prices in U.S. dollars per troy ounce:

Paris	428.86
Frankfurt	426.67
Zurich	416.75
Hong Kong	429.95

BRIEFS

WASHINGTON (AFP) — Orders received by U.S. processing industries rose 2.4 percent in January, the Commerce Department said, noting that this was the third monthly improvement in a row. Orders for durables rose 5.4 percent, but those for non-durables dropped 0.4 percent. The industry's stocks declined 1 percent.

DETROIT (AFP) — Sales by the four main U.S. motor groups in February were 3.2 percent down on a year earlier, industry figures showed here. This was the first year-on-year drop since November. Sales totaled 435,710 against 450,031 in February last year. However, the January-February total was 3.7 percent up at 843,039 against 812,844 a year earlier.

PARIS (AFP) — Televideo is second only to IBM in the sector of computer terminal units and currently catching it up, may set up an assembly plant in France. Ireland or Scotland next year, a company executive said here. European sales director Peter Allin noted that one quarter of televideo's business was in Europe. Total turnover could be \$220 million this year against \$98 million in 1982.

FRANKFURT (AFP) — The mark and guilder will probably be uprated and the French and Belgian francs downrated, possibly the lira also, after next Sunday's west German general election and the French local elections ending in mid-March, monetary expert Mrs. Helene Marie Sherman of the Munich Economic Research Institute forecast.

Subsidies suggested

U.S. Senate panel approves steps to boost farm exports

WASHINGTON, March 4 (AFP) — The Senate Agriculture Committee has approved a series of measures aimed at boosting U.S. farm exports by granting subsidies or easy credit terms.

The measures, which are still subject to a Senate vote, are aimed at European Economic Community's practice of subsidizing farm surplus exports to bring prices down to those on the world market.

The main points in the committee's programs are:

— Selling at least 150 million tons of milk products abroad per year at subsidized prices throughout 1985.

— Allocating several million dollars in federal funds to increase farm product exports, raw and refined, through subsidies and easy credit terms.

— Making payments in kind, drawn from

the large federal agricultural stocks, to American producers or to foreign buyers.

Barter trade of agricultural products drawn from government stocks for oil products in order to fill the country's strategic oil reserves.

— Extending the president's powers to increase programs granting agricultural aid abroad.

Sen. Jesse Helms, a leading conservative Republican who heads the committee, said U.S. farmers wanted Congress to get "tough," and that the measures would be submitted quickly for a vote.

Special U.S. trade representative Bill Brock, meanwhile, said the committee's proposed measures could undermine any U.S. attempt to have the EEC charged with violation of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

U.S. unemployment rate unchanged

WASHINGTON, March 4 (AP) — Civilian unemployment in the U.S. held even at 10.4 percent in February as large numbers of jobless Americans awaited further signals of improved hiring prospects before resuming their search for work, the government reported Friday.

The unchanged unemployment rate resumed an 18-month pattern of rising or stand-still joblessness. That trend had been interrupted only by last month's healthy decline. When the full-employment, 1.7-million-member U.S. military work force was included, February's overall unemployment rate also held steady at 10.2 percent, the Labor Department said.

Government statisticians said that, in interpreting the health of the civilian labor market, emphasis should be given to what happened in both January and February. They noted that the 0.4 percentage point drop in January might have been exaggerated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics' seasonal adjustment process.

Altogether 11.5 million people were unemployed last month, an increase of 44,000 over January that bureau analyst

Deborah Klein called "negligible." Total employment also held relatively steady at 99.1 million. Despite burgeoning signs of an economic recovery, only 5,000 persons re-entered the labor force, according to the census bureau's survey of some 60,000 U.S. households.

Iraq to borrow \$120m to raise pipeline capacity

LONDON, March 4 (AFP) — Iraq is borrowing \$120 million on the international market for work designed to raise the capacity of its Ceyhan oil pipeline from 700,000 to 1,000,000 barrels a day, *The Financial Times* said Friday.

The pipeline goes across Turkey to the Mediterranean and is Iraq's only export route for oil. The loan is being raised for the Iraq National Oil Company with Iraqi Central Bank collateral.

As Reagan relents

House votes \$ 4.9b to aid jobless

WASHINGTON, March 4 (AFP) — The House of Representatives approved Thursday a \$4.9 billion program to aid the unemployed and other U.S. victims of the recession.

The one-sided 324-95 vote was the result of a compromise between President Ronald Reagan and the opposition Democratic Party majority in the lower house of Congress. There are currently 11.4 million Americans looking for a job — 10.2 percent of the labor force.

The lion's share of the house funds was earmarked for public works projects in the states worst hit by unemployment. A further \$500 million was for "humanitarian aid," including food programs for the poor. The

senate is due to vote its own aid program for the unemployed, after which a compromise worked out between the upper and lower houses will be sent to the president for signature.

Only three months ago, the White House spoke out against a similar aid program, which the Democratic opposition abandoned in the face of a sure presidential veto.

In the short intervening time, the political climate has changed. Several presidential advisers have gone up to Capitol Hill in recent weeks to work out a compromise with Democratic leaders. Reagan has let it be understood that he will not stand in the way.

SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT TENDERS

Authority	Description	Tender Number	Tender Price	Closure Date
Municipal & Rural Affairs Ministry	Temporary asphalt for Sorat Ubaidah villages	245	2,000	Feb. 13
" " "	Lighting Hakl old streets	246	1,000	Feb. 14
" " "	Construction of 3 model markets in Shamasta, Qassim	247	500	Feb. 15
" " "	Construction of a mosque, Riyadh	248	2,000	Feb. 14
" " "	Asphalt, paving & lighting in Zulfi	54/402/403	8,000	Jan. 30

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6	Hellenic Star	O.C.E.	Steel/General	13.83
7	Kota Dewa	Alpha	Rice/General	22.283
8	Aquamarine	O.C.E.	General/Canned F.	23.83
9	El Hawi Najd	O.C.E.	Bag Food/Barley	23.83
10	Magda	El Hawi	General/Cargo	23.83
11	Tunisian Reefer	Abdullah	Loading Empty	23.83
12	Odyseus	O.C.E.	Frozen Lamb	25.283
13	Kaga Maru	Rolaco	Bulk Cement	27.1.83
14	Odyseus	Alireza	Containers	27.2.83
15	Sagr Yanbu	Rolaco	Bulk Cement	27.2.83
16	Anangel Sky	Al Sabah	Bulk Cement	1.83
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20	Al Marashk	Baboud	Barley	23.2.83
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26	Barnuda	Star	Cheese/Apples	1.83
27	Yannis	El Hawi	Contr/General	22.2.83
28	Hamburg Express	Alireza	Containers	25.2.83
29	Gals Del Mar	F.A.M.E.	Containers	25.2.83
30	Adel	A. Bukhari	Durra/General	25.2.83
31	Maldiva Jade	O'Trade	Rice/General	27.2.83
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4	Meiji Maru	Gulf	Pipe	1.83
5	Kang Da	Barber	General	1.83
6	Kiri Ruby	Kanoo	Gen/Contr	28.2.83
7	Kota Jaya	Sea	Steel/Gen	1.83
8	Alpe Highway	Gosabli	Cars	22.2.83
9	Singapore Island	UEP	Malza/Tim	16.2.83
10	Ibn Sina	Kanoo	General	23.2.83
11	Sea Astrea	SEA	Gen/Timber	6.2.83
12	Han Nara	OCE	General	2.83
13	Halla Partner	Gulf	General	3.2.82
14	Kaghan	SEA	General	1.2.83
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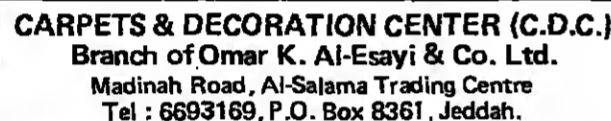
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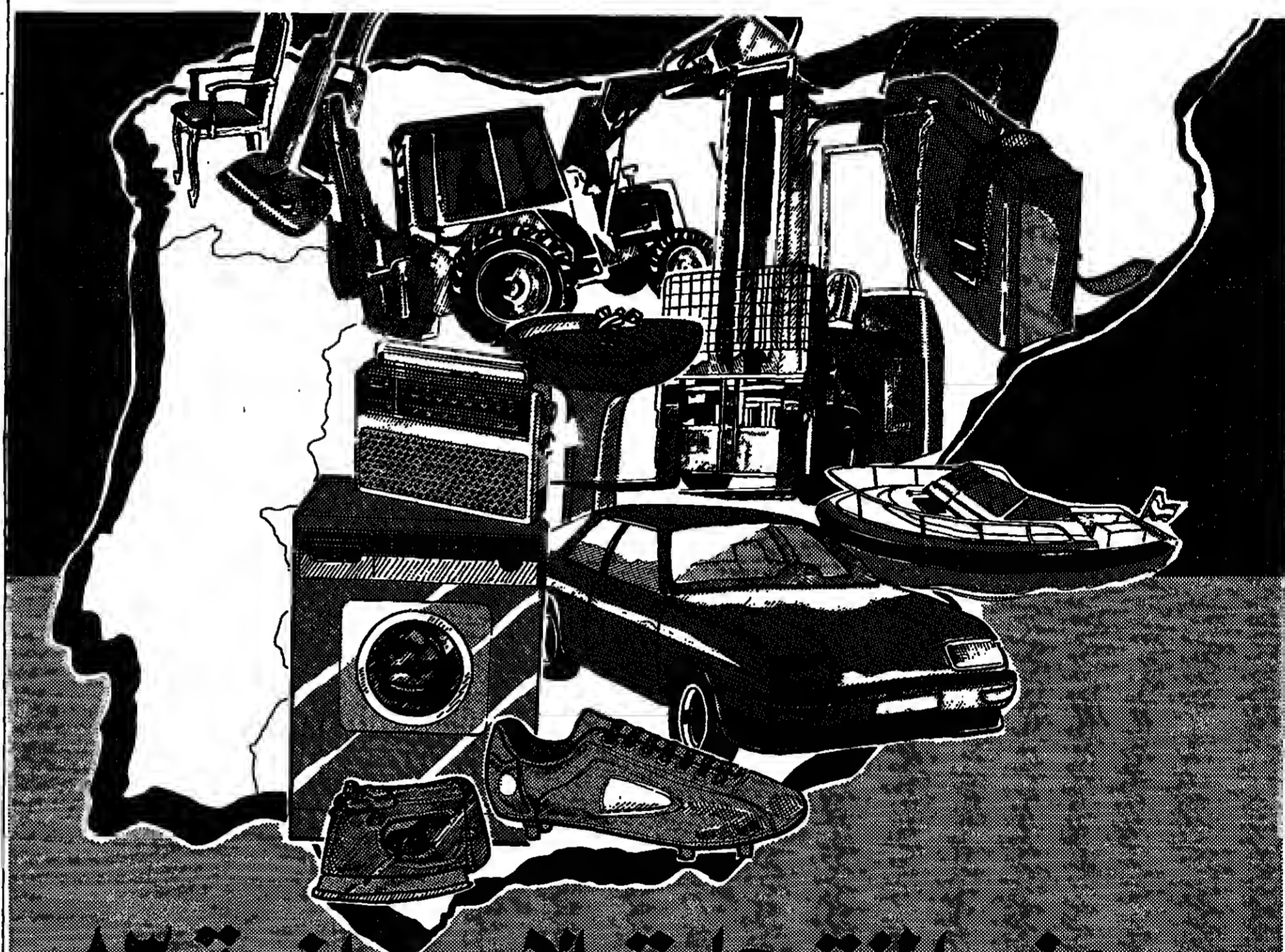
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Multinational infrared satellite mapping rare celestial oddities

By George Alexander

LOS ANGELES (LAT) — In orbit only three weeks, the infrared astronomy satellite has begun mapping the stars, galaxies and clouds of dust and gas with a sensitivity that has astronomers using words like "fantastic" and "unbelievable" to describe its performance.

The satellite, a joint American-British-Dutch effort launched from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California Jan. 25, has been gathering data only since Feb. 9 when a protective cover was ejected from the telescope and radiation began falling on its 22-inch-diameter reflector.

The other day scientists at the project's control center at the Rutherford Appleton Laboratories in Cilton, England, summarized some of the satellite's preliminary findings. Fred Gillett of the Kitt Peak National Observatory in Arizona said the satellite's operation so far was "a dream come true" for astronomers everywhere.

For the most part, said B. Thomas Soifer, a California Institute of Technology astronomer and IRAS team member, the satellite has been repeatedly surveying a narrow band of the sky — 1 degree wide, 360 degrees around.

"We've looked at this swath six times now," Soifer explained in an interview several days before he left for England, "which is several times more often than we intend to look at other parts of the sky during the course of the mission. The purpose of this mini-survey was to establish a 'baseline' for the broader survey that we've now begun."

The satellite has so far detected nothing unusual, but that is largely because

astronomers have not yet begun to search for celestial oddities. The array of sensors attached to the telescope has caught the relatively cool radiation, or infrared energy, coming from about 1,000 sources, 20 of which are galaxies previously observed in visual wavelengths but never before measured in the infrared.

(In any event, the primary purpose of the satellite is to build a catalogue of all infrared-emitting sources, ordinary and extraordinary, in the sky. Unusual objects will be studied when time and circumstances permit.)

"Are we seeing the kinds of things we expected to see?" Soifer asked rhetorically and then provided his own reply: "The answer is yes."

More than that, the satellite is readily picking up faint objects clearly and distinctly. This is a measure of its sensitivity and the international IRAS team, said Soifer, is just delighted with its performance.

For a public grown accustomed over the last decade to the sharp, realistic pictures taken by a conveyer of American spacecraft, the cosmic images that IRAS is transmitting down to earth may be a little disappointing. They have the blocky, angular look of computer-created objects — which, in fact, they are.

Nevertheless, there is a tremendous amount of information contained in these pictures for astronomers who, like Soifer, can read them.

The Caltech scientist held up a picture taken by the IRAS satellite of the large Magellanic cloud, the closest neighboring galaxy to the Milky Way, and pointed to a region known to astronomers as "Tarantula."

The region is an enormous cloud of ionized hydrogen and Soifer identified four finger-like protrusions jutting from the cloud's center as filaments of gas blowing outward. (These features extend from the main body of the cloud and suggest a large spider. Hence the name of the nebula, or cloud: Tarantula.)

It happens to be a region where a cluster of massive stars are thought to have formed fairly recently, Soifer said, and the IRAS satellite will scan that area carefully for the tell-tale infrared radiation.

The stars themselves are not likely to be seen directly, being buried in the thick clouds of dust and gas from which they have formed. Instead, the IRAS sensors will pick out "hot spots" of a sort in these vast clouds — places where the infrared radiation appears to be more intense. It is at such sites where the gas molecules and dust grains are first heated by the newborn star's fires and then, in cooling, radiate away that heat.

(At other regions of a cloud, where there are no underlying stars, the emitted radiation from the gas and dust is typically of a different wavelength and is not nearly as intense.)

According to theory, stars begin to form when some event — such as the shock wave from an exploding star — shakes a huge cloud of gas and dust, like a strong wind buffeting a leafy tree heavy with raindrops. The gas and dust are driven together, giving rise to a gravitational sink-hole into which still more gas and dust tumble.

The density of matter increases in the sink-hole, becoming a protostar, and temperatures there rise until, after perhaps a million to 10 million years, hydrogen atoms begin to meld in the process known as "thermonuclear fusion." The dust is blown away, leaving behind only the gas, and a star is truly born.

Astronomers have long known that some galaxies are prolific producers of young stars, while others — typically elliptical-shaped galaxies — have been barren of new stars for billions of years. The Milky Way galaxy, which has somewhere between 100,000 and 200,000 young stars in varying phases of infancy and adolescence, gives birth to one or two brand-new stars every year, according to James Houck of Cornell University, another IRAS team member, and thus is midway between those two extremes.

Both Houck and Soifer said the findings from the IRAS satellite ought to help astronomers understand the "environmental" factors that lead some galaxies to form a great many new stars and others to stop altogether.

One young star in the Tarantula region of the large Magellanic cloud particularly intrigues astronomers: it is informally dubbed the "fat star."

Some recent findings by University of Wisconsin researchers, made from another astronomy satellite, suggest the star may be as big as 1,000 to 3,000 suns — 100 to 300 times bigger than the biggest star now known to astronomers. If it is a single object, it is so gargantuan as to be as unstable as a skyscraper built of playing cards and astronomers would expect it to break down of its own massiveness. But other astronomers doubt the fat star is a single object. They believe it is more likely to be a dense pack of several big, but still ordinary, stars.

Albert Boggess, a U.S. Space Agency astronomer, said additional evidence recently obtained from a ground-based telescope in Chile tends to support the notion of a single colossus. But no one knows if the "fat star" is a one-of-a-kind or if there are others like it scattered throughout the universe.

Being so big, said Boggess, "it would have to have a short lifetime — perhaps no more than 1 million years from birth to death. And if the birth-rate (of this type of star) is low, then the combination would explain why we haven't seen this phenomenon before."

The IRAS satellite may find dust clouds in the Milky Way or other galaxies where such incredible jumbo stars are forming, Boggess added.

The lifetime of the IRAS spacecraft is now being projected as more than 300 days, compared to the original forecast of 220 days. The satellite's duration will be determined by its reservoir of liquid helium — the super-cold refrigerant which lowers the temperature of the telescope and its sensors to almost absolute zero and thereby allows it to "see" radiation from objects not much warmer than that — and IRAS is using the coolant at a very parsimonious rate so far.

This added lifetime will allow astronomers the luxury of first completing their general survey — estimated to take seven months to complete — and then spend three more months looking at unusual objects or returning to study some in much greater detail.



Burma raises health standards

By Min Tan

RANGOON (Depthnews) — Burma is a superstitious country in which modern medicine must fight an uphill battle.

Because of local beliefs, there are still many people who would neither take an injection, undergo a surgical operation nor get admitted to clinics or hospitals for treatment. As in other countries, the problem is made harder by the fact that more than 8 out of 10 Burmese (85 percent) reside in the countryside.

To pierce the barrier of age-old beliefs and to reach the rural areas, Burma plans to train 16,400 health workers and 5,600 auxiliary midwives to extend some of its health services and narrow the gap between rural and urban health care.

The health workers and midwives will cover 147 out of 314 towns in the country. The main emphasis will be on primary health care: affordable and accessible health care that depends more on prevention and community participation.

Basic community health services will be provided, including water and sanitation, preventive measures and the control of communicable diseases, as well as nutrition, family planning and health education.

During an initial five-year period, which started in 1977, some 13,958 health workers will be trained and assigned to rural areas. Although volunteers, they are stipulated to serve at least three years in their hometowns. Short-term 21-day courses were given to local volunteers aged between 18 and 60.

At the end of the courses, they were given UNICEF health kits which contained about \$214.20 worth of medicines which could last for about six months. The Health Department now plans to make such kits locally, with the assistance of the state-run Burma

Pharmaceutical Industry. The health kits are replenished with public donations when supplies are exhausted.

The health workers treat common diseases like colds, stomach disorders and headaches. They also give first aid treatment for snake bites and other everyday accidents. Serious medical cases are sent to the nearest dispensaries or hospitals for further treatment.

Village folks are also given basic education on health, as well as sanitation and preventive

measures to take against leprosy, venereal diseases, malaria and trachoma, among others. At the same time, health workers keep an eye on the outbreak of diseases and explain to villagers other government health programs.

To bridge local customs with modern health care, the government has also been promoting indigenous medicine. Today, there are two indigenous medical hospitals and a training school. Some 347 indigenous medical practitioners serve in 89 dispensaries from which more than 1.9 million patients have so far taken treatment.

Government officials say the health standard in rural areas has noticeably risen as a result of more health workers now available. There are about 7,831 doctors trained in Western medicine, more than half serving with the state and the rest with cooperative and private clinics.

The doctor-patient ratio is 2.25 per 10,000. The nurse-patient ratio last year was 1.24 per 10,000, while most of the 7,831 registered midwives are in rural areas.

Health officials also point to the "steady increase" of government expenditures on health, from \$7.94 million in 1961-62 to about \$62.98 million last year. There are now 614 hospitals with 25,283 beds, or 7.25 beds per 10,000 patients. Last year, 1,267 rural health centers treated 14 million patients, while 336 maternity and child health centers catered to the needs of 934,000 patients. Some 73 school health teams examined nearly half a million students from 2,000 schools all over the country.

If recent trends are any indication, Burma is determined to upgrade its health services, and to narrow the gap between rural and urban health care as well as between modern medicine — primary health care — and local superstitions.

Filipino invents babies' lifesaver

MANILA (Depthnews) — Dr. Fe del Mundo, the Magsaysay award-winning pediatrician in the Philippines, studied in the United States but turned her back on a potentially lucrative career there. She went home, founded the first children's hospital and, among other things, has come up with a simple lifesaver for babies.

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Most important, it has already been effectively tested in rural areas. The cost: 500 pesos (\$60) against the imported ones which cost around 36,000 pesos (\$4,400).

The bamboo incubator can also be modified for babies with jaundice (marked with a peculiar yellowing of the skin and eyes).

Australian row over kangaroo hunting

By Brian Timms

SYDNEY (R) — Australian kangaroo hunters have been told for the first time that if they do not shoot straight and avoid causing suffering, they could go to jail.

The warnings are being issued along with hunting licenses in the state of Queensland as another controversial kangaroo hunting season gets under way.

Three million kangaroos have been officially allocated for slaughter throughout Australia this year, despite warnings that they could become extinct. The federal government disagrees with conservationists on this, pointing out that there are at least 35 million kangaroos, more than double the human population.

Professional hunters and farmers given licenses to kill usually operate at night, pin-pointing victims with a beam of light from a truck. Wide-eyed, cuddly-looking kangaroos around with a baby in the pouch appear harmless but government agronomists say they are a menace to farmers.

So every year millions of kangaroos end up as pet food, "game meat" or hamburgers while their skins are used mainly to make shoes and hats.

Australia exported 1.8 million kilos of kangaroo meat last year, most as pet food but some for human consumption in Japan, Hong Kong, South Africa and Switzerland. Some kangaroo meat was being slipped illegally into meat pies and substituted for export beef until the scandal was exposed in 1980.

A government official said the meat is rich, has a high protein content and is subject to stringent hygiene control. The United States banned the import of kangaroo products in 1974 on the ground that the animals, unique to Australia, were an endangered species. But, with kangaroos multiplying rapidly, the ban was lifted in 1981 for a trial two-year period and is about to be reviewed. Australian animal welfare groups want the ban reimposed, saying kangaroos could be wiped out like American buffalo were.

Professor Peter Sieler, chairman of the Australian Federation of Animal Societies, described the license to kill policy as an uncontrolled sham. "How can there be such a program when the numbers of kangaroos killed illegally is equal to the legal kill and for all we know may greatly exceed it," he said.

Farmers must obtain a state license to kill kangaroos ravaging their crops. Professional hunters also need a license and must pay about 15 cents (\$14) each for small plastic tags which they have to attach to every carcass sold to wholesalers. The professionals have every reason to heed the shoot straight warning. A bullet in the head of a kangaroo does least damage to the skin and the main wholesalers will not accept a carcass unless it has been shot in the head.

Illegal killing is done by weekend sharpshooters who kill, wound and run their trucks over kangaroos for "sport" and leave them to die slowly in the bush.

A film, *Goodbye Joey*, showed hunters kicking wounded kangaroos and propping dying animals up on sticks. The state of Victoria has banned commercial killing and now grants licenses only to farmers suffering bad crop damage. It hopes that other states will follow.

The current drought, the worst this century, has also killed off many kangaroos. A reduced population is expected when the official count is taken in June, though wildlife department officials said breeding would soon restore the numbers. In some parts, kangaroos outnumber sheep four to one.



KANGAROOS: These kangaroos go about their daily routine in Australian wilderness without knowing anything about the great controversy going on between conservationists and the federal government over their fate.

China wages war on rats

By Michael Weisskopf

PEKING (WP) — The year of the rat has arrived ahead of schedule in China. State-run newspapers declared last week that large parts of the nation are plagued by billions of rats that bite farm animals and chew up more than 20 million acres of prime grain fields, forest and pasture.

The epidemic has reached almost gigantic proportions in central China, where one province claims to have a rat for every 70 square feet of farmland. Two state farms in the south saved their crops by killing 106 tons of rats last year. But peasants in the northeast grasslands were less fortunate and expect their hay harvest losses to reach about \$400 million.

No health warnings were issued, but most Chinese recall how bubonic plague transmitted by rats killed a million people in the first half of this century.

Although the next lunar year officially is the one named after the menacing rodent, Chinese zoologists say this is the peak year for rat reproduction because of the drastic decline in their natural enemies — cats, weasels, owls and snakes.

"The major cause of the serious danger from rats is the disruption of the ecological balance," said ecologist Hou Xueyu, writing in the official *People's Daily*. The slinky creatures appear to be winning the survival race in ironic fashion: their predators have died from feeding on rats that had eaten poison. So the rats' enemies are quickly vanishing.

The cycle of nature favors rats because they propagate at much faster rates than their predators. A mother rat is capable of producing up to 100 babies annually. Rats also benefit from the ecological havoc wreaked by

Chinese peasants who poach weasels for their pelts and illegally cut down forests for building materials, thus destroying the habitat of owls and snakes.

Many cats were destroyed in the 1970s, along with other domestic animals, by fanatical Red Guards who regarded them as "bourgeois."

Although the rats have been winning the battles so far, their human predators are determined not to lose the war. A nation that imports billions of dollars' worth of grain cannot afford to lose as much as 100,000 tons in one province because of pests.

Tourists, who are becoming an important source of foreign exchange for China, have complained of rats in hotels. A traveler may well find a rat twitching beneath the bed covers of guest houses in the smaller cities.

Experts writing in *People's Daily* and *Economic Daily* called for a national extermination campaign reminiscent of the extraordinary anti-fly blitzes of the 1950s. Then, school children were provided fly swatters and given daily quotas to fulfill.

The strategy for vanquishing rats involves no human-wave tactics. But suggestions have been made to ban hunting of predators and to halt deforestation, as well as to encourage cat keeping through incentives. One village in east China has banned rat poison and offered a subsidy of \$2.50 to every peasant who raises a cat, plus a \$1 bonus for each litter of kittens.

Militiamen in south China armed themselves with bamboo bows and arrows and mounted a rat hunt at a rural commune near Canton. In one day, they bagged over a ton of carcasses. But they were less concerned as a delicacy in the south.

MORE ABOUT GALLSTONES



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Dear Mr. T.: Like many others who have stones, or afraid they'll get them some time, it's understandable you're curious about what causes the stones and what to do about the problem.

Two types of stones may occur. They may range in size from tiny bits of stone to those as much as an inch in diameter. Anywhere from one to 100 stones may develop. The stones are either cholesterol stones or pigment stones. The first, as the name implies, are composed primarily of cholesterol. The pigment stones are composed of bilirubin and other compounds. About 80 percent of gallbladder disease is associated with cholesterol stones. Normally cholesterol is kept in solution in the bile. But when it becomes supersaturated, excessive amounts precipitate out of the bile. It is stored in the gallbladder and forms crystals, which later group and form stones. Pigment stones form in the same manner.

Incidence of stones increases with age. For example, in the U.S. 10 percent of the general population have stones. The incidence increases to 20 percent over age 40 and 30 percent over age 60. Women develop stones three to four times as often as men. Especially those who have been pregnant. Obesity is a factor. Symptoms vary: gassiness, abdominal discomfort, belching, heartburn, pain. But as many as 12 million Americans with stones do not have any symptoms. Biliary colic comes on when a stone is wedged into one of the bile ducts blocking flow of bile. Surgery is the treatment of choice.

It's called cholecystectomy — which means removal of the gallbladder and the stones. For those in whom operation is contraindicated, there's a new drug being used to dissolve the stones. It's called chenodeoxycholic acid. Results are still being evaluated, but it may take the place of surgery in many patients.

MEDICAL LETTERS

(Replies to and from readers):

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: My mother is dying of cancer. What bothers me is the needless suffering she has to undergo. What I mean is that her doctor has left orders with the nurses that she is not to receive pain-killers whenever she asks for them. He doesn't want her to become "addicted." Should that be a problem in her condition? — Mrs. U.

Dear Mrs. U.: I don't want to expand on my feelings except to say, please ask for a consultation or find another doctor. I don't see how any compassionate physician will withhold anything to control pain in a dying patient. It's senseless to consider addiction at a time like this. If a doctor can't cure, he can at least bring comfort to his patient.

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: I've been having indigestion for at least six months. But other than thumping my chest and belly, my doctor has made no other tests. He says my trouble is probably nervous indigestion. But tranquilizers haven't helped. Is this unusual? — Mr. E.

Dear Mr. E.: "Thumping" is only one part of diagnosis. My feeling is that the diagnosis of "nervous indigestion" should be withheld until all other diagnostic methods have been used: X-rays, lab tests, etc. Without their help, he is only guessing.

(Tomorrow: New ways to control angina)

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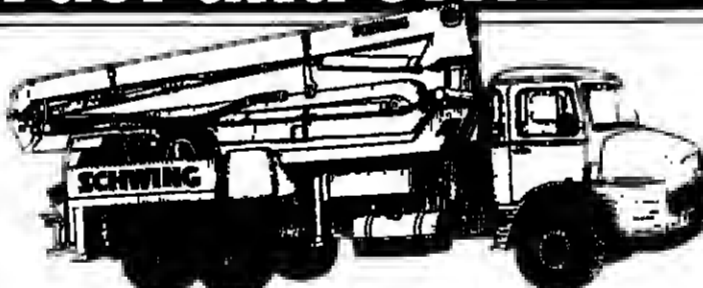
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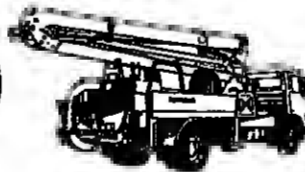
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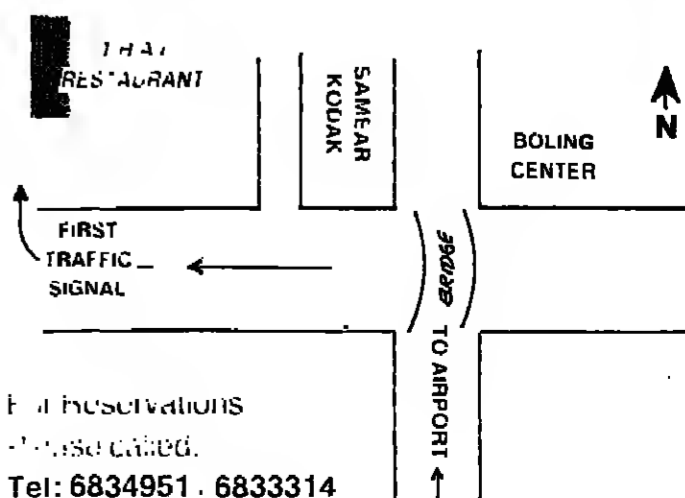


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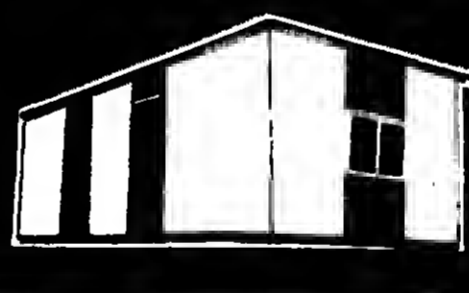
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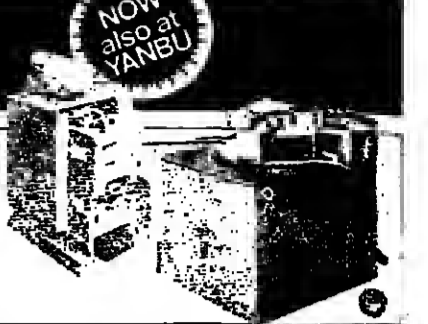
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Seat may remain vacant

Nonaligned split on Kampuchea

NEW DELHI, March 4 (R) — Nonaligned states were bitterly divided over the fate of the empty Kampuchean seat as their foreign ministers wrapped up a two-day debate Friday.

Deadlock over Kampuchea dominated all formal discussion. But outside the conference hall, Egypt's nonaligned position came under fresh fire from Syria, and India foiled a possible row by expelling a rival Chad delegation.

India, the conference chairman, is expected to announce some decision on the Kampuchean seat. This would virtually ensure that the issue does not spill over into the nonaligned summit starting Monday.

Conference sources said one likely out-

come was a recommendation that because the ministers had failed to reach agreement, the seat would be kept empty in line with a decision taken at the 1979 Havana summit.

Any decision to leave the seat vacant, at least for the duration of next week's summit, would please Vietnam and other supporters of the Hanoi-backed Phnom Penh government of President Heng Samrin more than the backers of former Kampuchean head of state Prince Norodom Sihanouk.

The Heng Samrin government has not won sufficient support to be seated in any major international forums while the Sihanouk-led anti-Vietnamese coalition represents Kampuchea in the United Nations and other organizations.

A total of 61 delegates spoke in the Kampuchean debate. Unofficial counts suggested a broad division between those who demanded the seating of the Sihanouk coalition.

tion, those wanting the Heng Samrin government to represent Kampuchea and those opting for a vacant seat.

In Friday's session, Egypt suggested the ministers should try to seek a compromise. Sri Lanka wanted more consultations. Nigeria questioned the fitness of both rival claimants. Supporters of Prince Sihanouk, led by non-Communist Southeast Asian countries Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore, protested that the Havana decision was forced through by Cuba.

Meanwhile, Syria said Friday, it would back Libya's calls for Egypt's suspension from the movement because it still honored its 1979 peace treaty with Israel.

"We shall seize the first opportunity to urge the summit to suspend and even expel Egypt from the nonaligned movement," a Syrian delegation source said.

Summit city 'under siege'

NEW DELHI, March 4 (AFP) — A state of emergency rule appears to have taken effect here, three days before the opening of the five-day nonaligned summit. The summit will assemble between 65 and 70 heads of state or government — the largest gathering of world leaders ever held in India.

To protect them, India has thrown a six-million-dollar security web around the city, including crack border commands and paramilitary troops. "It looks like our capital is under a virtual siege... We have never seen so much security," a resident said.

A report published Friday said over 150 Iraqi commandos have arrived here to ensure security for their president, Saddam Hussein. The presence of 6,000 to 7,000 Iranian students in India, recent blasts at the Iraqi Airways office here and a threat by the Iranians to hold a demonstration here on the opening day of the summit have raised concern among security officials.

"We are not leaving anything to chance... The measures that you see are normal for such an important gathering of so many heads of state and governments," one said. "This is the toughest security the government has ever mounted in this country for any event," a senior police officer said.

Hussein to seek consensus

AMMAN, March 4 (AFP) — King Hussein will seek next week in New Delhi to gain a minimal consensus on President Ronald Reagan's Mideast peace plan, by meeting with a number of Arabs, including Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat, informed sources said Friday.

All the leaders will be in New Delhi for the opening Monday of the seventh summit conference of the nonaligned movement. King Hussein has not met Arafat since the Palestine National Council, the Palestinian parliament in exile, closed a week-long session Feb. 22 in Algiers.

After that summit, it was noted here, the mood seemed to be one of relative confidence that a compromise position could be reached on the Reagan plan — despite the PLO council's negative statements on it.

That optimism appeared to reflect a view here that Arafat had, as Jordan had wished, obtained enough room to maneuver to permit a call for an opening of negotiations on the Reagan plan. Indeed, the council did not specifically reject the proposal, even though it did not include some of its basic demands.

The Reagan plan, announced in September, calls for a vague Palestinian "association" with Jordan on the West Bank. It does not mention the PLO, and does not call for Palestinian statehood.

But the Jordanian optimism appears to

have faded, and a new skepticism seems to have set in among Jordanian politicians, informed analysts say here. Among the reasons, they say, is that the PLO has still not given a clear indication of what direction Jordan should pursue with Reagan.

Therefore, King Hussein's dealings next week with the Arab leaders promise to be crucial to the Reagan plan and to the future of the Palestinian-Jordanian dialogue.

The *Saoud Al Shaab* quoted Friday a Jordanian official who asked not to be identified as saying Jordan would not join any peace process without the PLO's agreement. The newspaper said the statement was a "categorical reply" to "rumors that Jordan would soon participate in negotiations on the Middle East whatever the PLO position."

In addition to Hussein's meetings, members of the Arab League's "committee of seven," formed to explain and lobby for the peace plan adopted in September in Fez, Morocco, will meet at New Delhi to review their activities.

The "committee of seven" is made up of the foreign ministers of Saudi Arabia, Algeria, Kuwait, Jordan, Morocco, Syria and Tunisia, along with a PLO representative. It was formed to explain the Fez plan, which calls for a Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital, to the U.N. Security Council.



N. Korean bares war 'moves'

SEOUL, March 4 (AFP) — North Korean "war" preparations, started on Feb. 1, are intended to divert attention from President Kim Il-Sung's moves to turn his powers over to his son Kim Jong-Il, a North Korean fighter pilot who defected to the South last week charged Friday.

Accusing North Korea of attempting to invade South Korea, Capt. Lee Ung-Pyong, 29, said he had decided to defect with his Chinese-made MIG-19 to tell the world there was an urgent and acute situation in North Korea.

The entire armed forces, militia, youth corps and Red Guards had been put under arms under a state of "quasi-war" from Feb. 1, coinciding with U.S.-South Korean military maneuvers.

Capt. Lee said this was a pretext designed to drive their people into another war and consolidate the eventual power takeover by President Kim's 43-year-old son despite widespread opposition and derision.

Anyone found criticizing or opposing the father-son leadership was sent to isolated concentration camps and interned, usually until they died, he said.

Living conditions in North Korea were so miserable even for well-treated fighter-pilots that they were allowed to eat beef only twice a year on the birthdays of President Kim and his son, he added.

Elizabeth hails alliance with U.S.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 4 (Agencies) — Queen Elizabeth II has pledged Britain's commitment to its alliance with the United States, at a gala dinner attended by President Ronald Reagan. "We are deeply grateful for the unstinting contribution of the United States to the maintenance of the Western alliance," the queen told a gathering of 250 leading representatives of the business, political and show business worlds.

"No one who knows the British and their history could have any doubt about our steadfastness as an ally or our willingness to stand up in defense of the values which we all hold dear," Reagan spoke of the need to reduce nuclear armaments, but warned that "we must maintain our strength in the face of the enormous military buildup of our adversaries."

Meanwhile, several different groups protested outside the heavily guarded museum where the dinner took place. The Irish Republican Committee representing San Francisco's large Irish community protested the queen's presence, while a group of Argentinians denounced British policies in the Falkland Islands.

In a domestic U.S. protest, another group burned an effigy of President Reagan, accusing him of "robbing the poor to give to the rich."

"We are here because we know that the dinner taking place in that posh hall is just not a social visit," said Gwendolyn Rogers, one of the rally leaders. "Here we have the heads of the world's two most imperialistic powers meeting to consolidate their plans."

In her toast to Reagan, the queen made several mentions of the destructive weather that hit America's west coast this week. She said the area made her think of "families who struggled against impossible odds... In today's prosperity their fortitude is often overlooked. But it is their character and courage which have permeated each succeeding generation."

"I have seen that courage at work for myself this week as many California families have coped valiantly with the hardship brought by the storms and tornado which have hit this state so hard."

In his toast, Reagan told the queen: "We are honored by your presence in our country and in this state."

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Bangkok	26	79	32	90	clear	-15	5	-8	18	snow
Beirut	10	50	15	59	rain	13	55	27	81	clear
Berlin	3	37	7	45	clear	6	43	14	57	cloudy
Brussels	3	37	12	54	clear	7	45	12	54	rain
Buenos Aires	16	61	27	81	clear	1	34	2	36	cloudy
Cairo	10	50	24	75	clear	3	37	12	54	clear
Caracas	20	68	30	86	cloudy	-2	28	9	48	clear
Chicago	3	37	23	73	cloudy	22	72	38	100	cloudy
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Dublin	4	39	11	52	clear	10	50	16	61	cloudy
Frankfurt	-2	28	7	45	clear	-1	30	5	41	clear
Geneva	0	32	7	45	clear	24	75	34	93	clear
Helsinki	-3	25	-3	27	cloudy	-12	10	2	36	cloudy
Hong Kong	15	59	19	66	clear	23	73	28	82	clear
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Australians vote today

SYDNEY, Australia, March 4 (AP) — A poll published Friday on the eve of national elections showed the Australian Labor Party still well ahead of the governing Liberal-National Party coalition.

The Gallup Poll, taken Wednesday and based on a sample survey of 2,188 people indicated Labor, led by former union leader Bob Hawke, had a nine percent lead over Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser's party coalition before Saturday's election.

Pollster Ian McNair said there was a margin for error of four percent in the poll, which showed between 52 and 56 percent of those polled would vote for the Labor Party and between 44 and 48 percent for the government.

"Even allowing for the maximum error, on the latest figures, the Australian Labor Party

would still have won the election," he said. Friday's poll reflected a trend shown in several recent polls, including an Australian National Opinion Poll published Friday showing Labor holding an 8.5 percent lead at the beginning of the week. Both polls showed Fraser slightly reducing Labor's lead with a one percent swing back to the government, but political observers said it was too little too late.

The *Sydney Sun* reported Friday that Hawke was "quietly confident" and recruiting staff to move into the prime minister's office in Canberra next week.

But Fraser was also reported to be confident of gaining a victory even though his aides expected it would be a narrow one. In 1980 he won despite being nine percentage points behind in the polls in the final week.

Executions shock pope

MANAGUA, March 4 (R) — Pope John Paul will press ahead with his controversial tour of Central America despite his shock at the execution of six alleged guerrillas in Guatemala, church sources said Friday. They said the pope, who is due to arrive in Guatemala City on Sunday and spend three nights there, would go to Guatemala "for the people."

The pontiff, who urged priests to keep out of politics when he began his tour in Costa Rica on Monday, expressed his deepest grief at the executions while a Vatican official described them as "incredible." The six men were convicted of terrorist crimes by a secret

military tribunal and were shot by a firing squad at dawn Thursday, despite a Vatican appeal for mercy.

Guatemala's Protestant President, Gen. Efraim Rios Montt, said he was enforcing the law without exception and Guatemalan authorities said the men had a legal trial. But neighboring Honduras condemned the executions as a violation of fundamental human values.

"The event is especially regrettable because it coincides with the visit of Pope John Paul, the pontiff of love, hope and democracy," the Foreign Ministry statement said.

S. A. to ban hiring of mercenaries

JOHANNESBURG, March 4 (AFP) — The South African government wants to ban the recruitment of mercenaries in the country, and will be presenting proposals to parliament soon.

Defense Minister Gen. Magnus Malan told parliament Thursday that under a proposed amendment to the defense act serving soldiers, reservists, auxiliaries and members of the army medical corps would be forbidden to take part in mercenary operations or act as advisers to them.

This would mean that mercenary recruiters would only be able to sign up those exempt from South Africa's wide ranging national service requirements: women, non-whites and men over 65.

Last month, under pressure from left and

right opposition parties, Gen. Malan admitted in parliament that members of the South African armed forces had taken part in the November 1981 coup attempt in the Seychelles. Gen. Malan insisted that they were acting "in their private capacities" and had not undergone special military training before going to the Seychelles under veteran mercenary Mike Hoare.

Col. Hoare and his lieutenant Peter Duffy are serving ten years in jail in South Africa for hijacking an Air-India plane to escape from the Seychelles. Six others are also serving lesser terms but 34 were released last November after only four months.

In the Seychelles four out of five captured mercenaries are still under sentence of death.

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